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SHERMAN'S PROGRESS.

Rebel Reports of His Whereabouts.

His Cavalry on the Savannah River.

Where He will Probably Cross that Stream.

REBEL FEARS AND SPECULATIONS.

Port Royal, Savannah, Brunswick, or Darien? Which Point?

How the Georgia Militia Charged Sherman's Veterans.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Richmond papers of Monday, Dec. 5, are recorded here to-day at the office of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*. The following details of military operations in Georgia and elsewhere will be found of interest:

From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 5.

The Augusta *Chronicle and Sentinel* of the 1st inst. contains the following: "Telegraphic communication with Millen has been reopened. WHEELER was still engaged in fighting the Federals on Wednesday. Results unknown. It is reported that a party of SHERMAN'S scouts visited Demara's Ferry on Sunday. They remained sometime in the vicinity, taking observations. It is thought that SHERMAN will endeavor to cross the Savannah River at that point. Gentlemen from SHERMAN'S rear state that his line of march is marked by dead animals, broken wagons, bodies of men, stragglers, &c. When Gen. WHEELER struck KILPATRICK'S raiders at Big Creek, they killed over three hundred head of horses to prevent them from falling into WHEELER'S hands. Yesterday morning the train on the Georgia Railroad brought down about one hundred prisoners who were said to have been captured somewhere in the neighborhood of Warrenton. They are supposed to be a portion of SHERMAN'S army that had straggled away from the main body and fell an easy prey to our forces. They were all hearty-looking men. Trains run up on the Georgia road as far as Greensboro. The work of repairing the road to Atlanta will be commenced. *It is stated, on reliable authority, that the Yankees appropriated over two thousand horses and mules in Glascock and Warren Counties.*

The Richmond *Whig* copies the following from the Savannah *News* of the 13th ult.: "SHERMAN seems to be making no progress in his invasion of the State. He is no nearer the coast than he was several days ago. He appears to be hesitating and acting altogether as though he were caught in a bad box, and don't know how to get out. Afraid to go forward and cannot go back, his men tired and hungry, with our forces rapidly closing in around him. All these things excite the liveliest hopes of his utter destruction." The Augusta *Chronicle & Sentinel* says: "It must be confessed that for the past week SHERMAN has been very successfully acting the part of an "Artful Dodger," *confounding all calculations, and exciting general apprehensions by his eccentric movements.* The latest reports indicate that he is moving toward the Savannah River, but there is little reliance to be placed in any indication of his intentions as yet. Until he shall get out of the triangle in which he has been manœuvring since he left Atlanta, we can infer nothing with certainty from any of his movements as to his ultimate course. He may turn Augusta and seek to force his way through South Carolina, or he may push for Savannah or Brunswick." The Augusta *Constitutionalist* of the 30th says: "It is very generally conceded that SHERMAN, avoiding both Augusta and Macon, has gone on his winding way either to Savannah, Brunswick or Port Royal. To reach either Brunswick or Savannah, he has to traverse a barren waste of land, to meet, as he approaches his destination, swamps impenetrable to an army, save he by the causeways, which could easily be destroyed, before him. One good road, indeed, is at his option; but then he may find upon that road opposition which he little dreamed of, and which may change his march. Should he attempt to reach Port Royal, he will probably cross the Savannah at Sister's Ferry. On the South Carolina side, immediately opposite this ferry, the soil is porous and marshy. There, too may possibly encounter masked batteries and other obstacles too numerous to mention. Somehow we are, in common with our fellow-citizens, strongly of the opinion that SHERMAN and his robbers are marching to doom. We know some very good news, and see some very excellent signs. Be patient. The fruit is not yet ripe.

THE BATTLE OF GRESWALDVILLE.

From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 5.

We have already copies from the Georgia papers. Some particulars of the battle with HOWARD'S Corps at Greswaldvillee, nine miles east of Macon on the Central Railroad. The Confederate force consisted of three Brigades of Militia two Regiments of State line troops and the Athens and Augusta battalions, all under the command of Gen. PHILLIPS. He attacked the enemy about 12 o'clock, on the 23d inst. The enemy fell back one mile on the Central Railroad, toward Savannah, where they had erected three lines of fortifications. Gen. PHILLIPS pursued them to their breastworks, when he ordered a charge, driving the enemy from their defences. The enemy made several desperate efforts to recapture the works, but were repulsed each time with heavy loss. Gen. PHILLIPS held his position. The enemy withdrew during the night.

From the Richmond Whig, Dec, 5.

The only telegraphic dispatches received at the War Department last evening, except dispatches relating to the disposition of troops, was a telegram from Macon, stating that the Yankee force which had been operating in the vicinity of that city had been withdrawn, and gone in the direction of the main body. *The indications are that* SHERMAN *will direct his course towards Darien or Brunswick.*

FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

A letter from Princeton, Mercer County, states that Col. WISNER had just returned from an expedition into the enemies' lines in Western Virginia. He destroyed three forts, two block houses, two steamboats, captured many prisoners, about one hundred horses, three or four hundred fine beef cattle, one piece of artillery, a large amount of stores, and brought out three or four companies of recruits, besides many absentees, and lost only two men.

FROM EAST TENNESSEE.

The Bristol *Register* learns from Morristown that on the 26th ult., the Yankees attempted to scout this side of Strawberry Plains, but were driven back across the river, since when all has been quiet at the front.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

NEW-YORK ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Electors reassembled at the Capitol, today, and cast the thirty-three electoral votes of the State for LINCOLN and JOHNSON.

JAMES TERWILLIGER, of Syracuse, was appointed messenger to Washington, and L. W. BRADLEY, to the Judge of the Northern District of New-York.

A committee of three was appointed to deposit a copy of the official record, directed to the Vice-President, in the Post-office.

Then after brief remarks by Hon. HORACE GREELEY, congratulating the college and the country on the tone of President LINCOLN'S Message, the college adjourned *sine die.*

THE PENNSYLVANIA ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

HARRISBURGH, Penn., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Electoral College of this State convened in the Senate chamber to-day, and was called to order by Mr. MCMICHAEL.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth was introduced with the returns of the election, and he reported as elected the Union Electors; all of whom reported except JOHN WISTAR.

Mr. MCKIM offered a preamble and resolution, reciting the fact that Mr. WISTAR was in Europe, and nominating JOHN B. CLARK in his stead.

JOHN B. CLARK was unanimously elected in place of Mr. WISTAR, and commissioned by the Governor.

The College then proceeded to vote for President and Vice-President of the United States by ballot, which resulted in a unanimous vote for LINCOLN and JOHNSON.

VERMONT ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Electoral College of Vermont met in this place to-day and cast their votes for LINCOLN and JOHNSON. Hon. A. L. CATLIN was elected Messenger to convey the vote of the college to Washington.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

BOSTON, Mass., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Electoral College of this State reassembled to-day and cast the twelve votes of Massachusetts for ABRAHAM LINCOLN, of Illinois, for President, and ANDREW JOHNSON, of Tennessee, for Vice-President of the United States.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Electoral College, after casting the vote of Massachusetts for LINCOLN and JOHNSON, adopted a resolution of thanks to Hon. EDWARD EVERETT, its president. Eloquent speeches followed from Ex-Gov. LEVI LINCOLN and Mr. EVERETT. SOLOMON B. STEBBINS was chosen messenger to Washington. The College then adjourned *sine die.*

VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, N. H., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Electoral College met here to-day and cast the five votes of New-Hampshire for LINCOLN and JOHNSON.

THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, Conn., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Connecticut electors met to-day. OLIVER F. WINCHESTER, of New-Haven, was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of JOHN P. ELTON. The six votes were cast for LINCOLN and JOHNSON. EDWARD P. CHENNEY, of Litchfield, was chosen messenger to convey the vote to Washington.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.

Chief Justice CHASE unexpectedly arrived in town last evening, and was unaware both of his appointment and confirmation as Chief Justice until an hour after his arrival, when a friend had called to congratulate him. He will not take his seat upon the bench until Monday next. In the meantime, however, there being a quorum present, the court will continue its daily session. Chief Justice CHASE'S appointment, as sent to Senate, was written entirely in the handwriting of the President. Chief Justice CHASE, upon being officially notified of his appointment, addressed a letter of thanks to the President, and this morning had an interview with Mr. LINCOLN.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Senatorial Committee to-day resumed consideration of Standing Committees, but did not come to any conclusion in the case of Senator HALE, who had been deposed from the Chairmanship of the Naval Committee. The subject was postponed until to-morrow, when the caucus again meets.

THE LOUISIANA SENATORS.

As soon as the Standing Committees are announced, the question of admission of Senators and members from Louisiana will be discussed. A formidable protest against their admission from citizens of Louisiana has been forwarded. It being wholly a judicial question, it will doubtless be referred to the Judiciary Committee, who are understood to be adverse to the admission of any portions of States which have been in rebellion against the Government.

UNEMPLOYED GENERALS.

The House Military Committee, through its Chairman, intend to bring forward at once the bill to dismiss all unemployed Generals.

THE WAYS AND MEANS.

As soon as the Committees are announced by the Speaker of the House, the Ways and Means Committee intend to take up the question of additional taxation, as recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury in his report. The Chairman of the committee will also bring forth, at an early day, a loan bill, in accordance with the Secretary's views.

MR. STEVENS' BILL.

The House to-day not being in possession of the views of the Secretary in reference to "gold speculation," laid Mr. STEVENS' bill upon the table by a very large vote.

ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN CUBA.

From information received from Cuba, it appears that a petition signed by over a hundred planters of that island was presented to the Captain-General, urging him to use his best offices with the Queen of Spain for the abolition of slavery on that island. He received the petition, and remarked that he would wait before he took any action in the matter until after the Presidential election in the United States, as that contest would, in his judgment, decide the future of the slavery question in the United States.

SERENADE TO GOV. FENTON.

Gov. FENTON was serenaded last evening by Excelsior Union Club.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

THE PREVENTION OF SMUGGLING.

Hon. NATHAN TARGENT, Commissioner of Customs, who recently made a tour of the Northern borders, has returned to Washington. His object was to give effect to the law to prevent smuggling across the lines, and as far as possible to apply a corrective to existing abuses.

FLOUR BIDS.

Sealed proposals were opened to-day, at the Subsistence Department, for flour. The bids ranged between $11 70 and $12 80 a barrel for cash, and from 20 to 25 cents additional if payable in certificates.

THE SUPREME COURT CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

This afternoon six of the Associate Justices of the United States Supreme Court, (all now present in the city,) but representing a quorum of the Court, made the annual formal call upon the President. The interview was brief and of a very social and agreeable character. Chief-Justice CHASE not yet having taken the oath of office and entered upon his duties, was not present.

THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 6.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS.

Mr. LANE, of Indiana, (Union,) introduced a bill to authorize the holding of a special session of the United States District Court of Indiana, which was ordered to lie upon the table until the announcement of the committees, and then be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

THE METROPOLITAN RAILROAD.

Mr. MORRILL, of Maine, (Union,) presented a bill to extend the time for the completion of the Metropolitan Railroad of Washington, two years. Ordered to lie upon the table.

THE LOUISIANA SENATORS.

The President *pro tem.* laid before the Senate a communication from Gov. HAHN, of Louisiana, accompanied by the proceedings of the General Assembly in the election of R. KING CUTLER and CHARLES SMITH, as Senators from that State.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, (Union,) presented a remonstrance numerously signed by citizens of Louisiana on the subject of the election of Messrs. CUTLER and SMITH as Senators from that State.

GEN. E. A. PAYNE AT PADUCAH.

Mr. POWELL, of Kentucky, (Dem.,) offered a resolution that the Secretary of War be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate a report of the proceedings of the court-martial appointed to investigate the conduct of Gen. E. A. PAYNE, while commanding at Paducah, Kentucky.

The resolution was ordered to lie upon the table until the announcement of the committees.

THE LOUISIANA SENATORS AGAIN.

Mr. MORGAN, of New-York, (Union,) here rose and said: "I desire to present the credentials of CHARLES SMITH and R. CUTLER KING, as Senators elect from the State of Louisiana. I do not propose that these persons be now sworn in as members of this body. The Senate will be much better informed and qualified in relation to all the proceedings connected with the election after they shall have been carefully examined and reported upon by a committee of this body. I shall therefore propose when the committee are appointed, that the credentials of the gentlemen be referred to the Judiciary Committee."

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Union)—I understand that the papers just submitted by the President *pro tem.* are copies of the proceedings of the General Assembly of Louisiana, and are somewhat voluminous. As it is not proposed to take any action at this time, I move they be ordered to be printed.

Mr. WADE—There are arguments on the subject also submitted. I move that all documents on the subject be printed.

The motion was carried.

THE TERRITORY OF NEBRASKA.

The President *pro tem.* presented to the Senate copies of the laws of the Territory of Nebraska.

On motion of Mr. FOSTER, the Senate, at 12:30 o'clock, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

MR. STEVENS' GOLD BILL.

Mr. BLAINE of Maine, (Union,) said the House yesterday referred to the Committee of Ways and Means the bill of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. STEVENS) to prevent gold and silver coin and bullion from being paid or accepted for a greater value than their real current value, and for preventing any note or bill issued by the United States from being received for a smaller sum than is therein specified. He moved to reconsider the motion of reference. In the twenty-four hours since this bill was introduced, great mischief has been done, and every day and hour this bill remained where it was, still greater mischief will result in raising the price of gold. It indicts three States of the Union, and makes every man guilty of a misdemeanor, and every clause of it commits the House to an impossibility.

Gold rose yesterday twelve per cent., for no other reason than this extraordinary bill.

Mr. COX, of Ohio, (Dem.,) did not agree with the gentleman that this bill put up the price of gold. He rather thought the President had played the "bull" by his message.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) in reply to Mr. BLAINE, said the action he proposed had been exercised by the most distinguished statesmen for several ages. There ought to be some check put to gambling when gold was put up to twice and a half its value. This could not be prevented unless by legislation in some way. It was just the legislation England adopted during the great wars with NAPOLEON. He moved to lay on the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. STEVENS' motion was negatived—51 against 68. The vote by which the bill was referred was reconsidered—65 against 41.

The question then recurring on the question to refer the bill to the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. STEVENS moved to postpone its consideration for ten days.

Mr. BLAINE, of Maine, moved to lay the bill on the table.

This was carried, 73 against 52.

YEAS.—Messrs. James C. Allen, Alley, Allison, Ames, Ancona, Baldwin of Michigan, Baldwin of Massachusetts, Blaine, Bliss, Boutwell, Brooks, Broomall, Brown of Wisconsin, Chanler, Coffroth, Cox, Dawes, Dawson, Dennison, Eden, English, Finck, Ganson, Grider, Griswold, Hale, Harding, Harrington, Holman, Hubbard of Iowa, Hulburd, Kalbfleisch, Kernan, Lane, Leblond, Marcy, McBride, Middleton, Miller, Morris of New-York, Morris of Ohio, Morrison, Noble, Norton, Odell, O'Neill of Ohio, Pendleton, Perham, Pike, Price, Pruyn, Radford, Rice of Massachusetts, Rogers, Schofield, Scott, Starr, Steele of New-York, Stiles, Stroube, Stewart, Swear, Townsend, Thomas, Washburne of Illinois, Washburne of Massachusetts, Wheeler, Wilson, Williams, F. Wood and Yeaman —73.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ashley, Bailey, Baxter, Beaman, Blair, Blow, Boyd, Brandagee, A. W. Clark, Cobb, Cole, Davis of Maryland, Dixon, Donelly, Driggs, Eckley, Eliot, Farnsworth, Frank, Garfield, Grinnell, Hooper, Hubbard of Connecticut, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Julian, Kasson, Kelly, Kellogg of Michigan, Kellogg of New-York, Loan, Longyear, Marvin, McClurg, Miller of New-York, Moorhead, Morrill, Leonard, Myers, O'Neill of Pennsylvania, Orth, Randall of Kentucky, Rice of Maine, Schenck, Shannon, Sloan, Smithers, Spalding, Stevens, Upson, Van Valkenburgh, Whaley, Wilder—52.

MAIL LINE WITH CHINA.

Mr. COLE, of California, (Union,) introduced a bill for the establishment of an ocean steamship mail service between the United States and China.

REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS.

Mr. SLOAN, of Wisconsin, (Union,) offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 2, article 1 of the Constitution, that Representatives in Congress shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within the Union, according to their respective number of qualified electors, and report by bill or otherwise.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

Mr. ENGLISH, of Connecticut, (Dem.,) offered a resolution directing the Secretary of War to report to the House what obstacles have prevented a full and early exchange of prisoners of war.

The resolution lies over.

NATURALIZATION OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Mr. ARNOLD, of Illinois, (Union,) introduced a bill amendatory of an act for the naturalization of soldiers, so as to include sailors within its provisions. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SALE OF MINERAL LANDS.

Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana, (Union,) introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, providing for the sale of mineral lands.

ENLISTMENT OF SOLDIERS FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, (Dem.,) offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire what legislation is necessary to do justice to the soldiers who enlisted for unexpired terms, but who have been held for three years.

NAVY-YARD AT CLEVELAND.

Mr. SPALDING, of Ohio, (Union,) introduced a bill establishing a navy-yard at Cleveland, Ohio. Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

Mr. COX, of Ohio, (Dem.,) offered a resolution, which lies over, calling, if compatible with the public interest, for copies of all communications not heretofore published in relation to the exchange of prisoners.

PHILADELPHIA NAVY-YARD FRAUDS.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,) offered a resolution providing for a select committee to examine into the alleged frauds at the Philadelphia Navy-yard.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) said that the preamble to the resolution stated as a fact, things which the House have no knowledge, therefore the preamble should be notified.

Mr. RANDALL remarked that he took it for granted that when men are locked up in prison that some crime has been committed.

Mr. STEVENS moved to lay the proposition on the table unless it should be modified.

Mr. CHARLES, O'NEILL of Pennsylvania, (Union,) said that he was not prepared to vote either way at this time—hence he hoped the resolution would lie over.

Mr. RANDALL modified his proposal as follows:

Whereas, Alleged frauds have been discovered in the Philadelphia Navy-yard and Arsenal, and furthermore many persons holding important positions therein, and heretofore supposed to be of character and honesty, have been placed in confinement for complicity; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed to investigate said alleged frauds, and any others which may be discovered, with power to send for persons and papers; and it shall be the duty of the said committee to report to this House the result of their inquiries.

Mr. KELLY, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) unsuccessfully requested his colleague (RANDALL) to include allegations as to other Navy-yards so as to make a general inquiry.

The House refused to second the demand for the previous question on the passage of Mr. RANDALL'S resolution, by a vote of 52 against 62.

Debate rising, the subject went over.

DISPENSING WITH BOUNTIES.

Mr. BROOMALL, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of dispensing with bounties to soldiers enlisting, and raising their pay to compensate therefor.

TAX ON SALES OF MERCHANDISE.

On motion of Mr. ODELL, of New-York, (Dem.,) the Committee on Ways and Means were instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing an ad valorem tax on all sales of merchandise of every description.

The House then, at 1:30 o'clock, adjourned.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE.

Heavy Skirmishing Near Nashville.

The Rebels Trying to Erect Batteries.

Hood Proposes an Exchange of Prisoners.

The Offer Declined by General Thomas.

The Garrison of Johnsonville Arrived at Clarksville.

FIRST DISPATCH.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Capt. M. FORREST, of the rebel cavalry corps, was recognized by some of his former companions to-day taking observations of our works at or near Fort Gillem. He was dressed in citizen's clothing.

Another member of the Tenth Tennessee Cavalry was captured this morning while in the act of deserting to the rebels.

The rebel cavalry have possession of the residence of Mrs. A. V. BROWN, and are intrenching themselves on this side.

The rebels have also taken possession of a hill near the Hyde Ferry road, and are planting a battery upon it.

There has been heavy cannonading since 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The guns of Fort Negley are shelling a rebel force in their front to prevent the enemy erecting batteries.

Two of our men were wounded to-day by rebel sharpshooters, near the residence of Mrs. ACKIN.

The river is six and a half feet deep on the shoals, but is falling.

SECOND DISPATCH.

NASHVILLE, Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Very little of interest transpired yesterday.

Artillery skirmishing continued through the day.

The daily routine was varied by the reception of a flag of truce, sent in by Gen. HOOD, which was received by our pickets on the Franklin pike, at about 11 o'clock this morning.

The bearer of the flag of truce had the following letter from Gen. HOOD:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, Ga.,
IN THE FIELD, Dec. 5, 1864.

To the Commanding Officer of the United States Forces, Nashville, Tenn.

GENERAL: I have now in my possession a large number of Federal prisoners, captured during the recent campaign, which I propose to exchange with you for an equal number of Confederate prisoners belonging to this army, in accordance with the cartel used by Major-Gen. SHERMAN and myself, in the exchange of prisoners which took place in September last at Jonesboro, Ga. Should you agree to this proposition, an officer of my Staff will meet any one that you may designate, upon the Franklin pike, between the lines of the two armies, to arrange the place, time and other necessary details connected with this exchange. Very respectfully, your Obedient Servant,

J. B. HOOD, General, C. S. A.

To this letter Gen. THOMAS sent the following reply:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
NASHVILLE, Dec, 5, 1864.

Gen. J. B. Hood, Commanding Confederate Forces on the Franklin Road.

GENERAL:—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of this date, making a proposition for the exchange of prisoners of the army of the United States now in your possession, for a like number of Confederate prisoners belonging to your army in my hands. In reply I have to state that, although prisoners from your army, they have all been sent North, and are consequently now beyond my control. I am, therefore, unable to make the exchange proposed by you.

Very respectfully yours, etc.,
GEORGE H. THOMAS,
Maj.-Gen. Commanding.

All sorts of rumors prevailed all over the city when the news that a flag-of-truce had come in got abroad.

The general supposition was that Gen. HOOD had demanded the surrender of Nashville.

Gens. MILROY and ROUSSEAU are at Murfreesboro, which is amply garrisoned and defended against any rebel force which may attack it.

Yesterday a body of rebels attacked block-house six and seven, near Murfreesboro'. They were gallantly fought by the garrison, and soon a body of troops was sent by MILROY from Murfreesboro', who attacked the rebels with such effect that they were driven off in confusion, losing six pieces of artillery and a number of prisoners.

Matters at the front to-day are quieter than usual.

No artillery that can be seen, has yet been placed in position by the rebels.

The headquarters of Gen. HOOD are said to be at Bentwood, six miles south of this city, on the Franklin pike.

Capt. ALEX. MARSHALL, of Battery G, First Ohio Artillery, was injured in the recent battle at Franklin.

FROM LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The Louisville *Journal* learns that Gen. COOPER'S brigade of white and a brigade of colored troops, the latter of which garrisoned Johnsonville, prior to its evacuation, both of which were cut off from the main army when Gen. SCHOFIELD retreated from Franklin, have arrived at Clarkesville.

The Nashville train arrived here on time this evening.

Passengers who left Nashville at 6 o'clock this morning, report that all was quiet there at that time. There had been some slight skirmishing the previous night.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 5, 1864.

SIR: In submitting the annual report of the transactions of this department and of the navy, with those of the several bureaus for the year, it affords me pleasure to assure you that the condition of affairs is satisfactory, and that the discipline and efficiency of the service continue to be faithfully maintained. After many years of peace and comparative inactivity, the officers and sailors of our navy were suddenly called to the performance of extraordinary and exacting duties, and during nearly four years of exhausting civil war, they have manifested their attachment to the Union and their fidelity to the national flag, by rigidly enforcing a gigantic blockade of our coast, by vigilantly patrolling the great national rivers of the interior, and by a succession of ocean and coastwise expeditions, achievements which have not only added to our naval renown, but greatly promoted our national integrity and strength.

When the change of administration took place in March, 1861, the war had already been virtually begun—the forts, and arsenals, and custom-houses, and mints, and navy-yards, and national property within the rebel States had been seized without resistance. The retiring administration manifested its inability to assert the national authority, and its disinclination to vindicate the national supremacy, and closed its term, and that of the thirty-sixth Congress, without any preparatory measures for the tremendous convulsion which was even then shaking the Union to its centre, and threatening our existence as a nation.

In six weeks after I had entered upon the administration of this department, a blockade, extending over more than three thousand five hundred miles of our coast, was ordered; and for this stupendous work, pronounced to be impracticable by the highest foreign authorities, we had a feeble navy, reduced to the lowest peace establishment, composed largely of sailing vessels, most of which were dismantled or dispersed abroad. Of the limited number of seamen authorized by law, only about two hundred were available at all our naval stations and receiving-ships. Many of the officers became demoralized and deserted. In this enfeebled condition, without men, or ships, or ordnance, or resources placed at its disposal, the department was called upon to establish and enforce the most extensive blockade that was ever undertaken to be effectually maintained by any nation.

To make available every naval vessel, to recall our foreign squadrons, to increase our force by building new vessels, and by procuring for naval purposes, from the merchant service, every steamer which could be made a fighting vessel, to enlarge at once the capacity of the navy-yards, to put in requisition the foundries and workshops of the country for supplies of ordnance and steam machinery, to augment the number of seamen, and to supply the deficiency of officers by selecting experienced and able shipmasters and others from the commercial marine, were among the important and responsible duties which were precipitated upon the department at that exciting and interesting period.

The measures promptly and energetically adopted caused an immense navy to spring into existence, not to carry on a maritime war, for the rebels had no navy to stimulate our sailors to glorious deeds, nor commerce to reward their activity; but men, and ships, and ordnance, and supplies were speedily collected for the onerous naval duties needful to sustain our national unity and preserve our national rights.

Besides instituting the extensive blockade of the coast, naval expeditions were organized at the earliest possible period to assert and restore the national authority at important points within the insurrectionary region. The first of these expeditions was organized and sailed from Hampton Roads in August, under the command of Rear Admiral STRINGHAM, and resulted in the capture of Hatteras, and was the first re-conquest of a strong position which was effected on our coast. This was followed, a few weeks later, by the victory of Rear Admiral DUPONT at Port Royal, which secured a commodious harbor for the ships of the South Atlantic squadron. The achievements on the lower Mississippi, where Rear Admiral FARRAGUT dashed upon the gates of the passage to New-Orleans, and restored to the Union the commercial metropolis of the South, were accomplished the following Spring. Those three important expeditions, comprising, in each case, a larger fleet than had ever been fitted out on this continent, and two of them seldom surpassed in naval annals, were planned, organized and carried into execution in the first year of the war, in addition to an immense blockade, which was at the same time so vigilantly and rigorously enforced that the rebels even then felt and complained of its exhausting severity. Other harbors and places have from time to time been seized and occupied, the last being the bay of Mobile and the fortifications at its entrance, effected by the same distinguished officer who had thrown open the lower Mississippi to uninterrupted navigation two years before. Nor have the prowess and skill of our navy in this unhappy contest, involving the integrity of the Union and our national supremacy, been felt upon the seaboard alone. On our inland waters, at Fort Henry, at Donelson, at Shiloh, at Island No. 10, at Memphis, at Arkansas Post, at Vicksburgh, at Port Hudson, and at almost every important place on the Mississippi, the Cumberland, the Tennessee and other rivers of the Southwest, the navy has been active in reëstablishing the national authority. A fleet of more than one hundred vessels has been put afloat on those waters, and most of them are now patrolling those rivers in the national cause.

It has been the policy of this department, rigidly adhered to under all circumstances, and from which it has not allowed itself to be diverted, never to permit the efficiency of the blockade to be impaired during these domestic troubles. Hence no large squadrons have been maintained on foreign stations. Cruisers and men-of-war have been sent out or ordered to important points to protect American interests, and capture or destroy the few predatory rovers which, from time to time, have ventured abroad to depredate on our commerce.

THE BLOCKADE.

The blockade of a coast line of three thousand five hundred and forty-nine miles in length, greater in extent than the whole coast of Europe from Cape Trafalgar to Cape North, is an undertaking without precedent in history. During our last war with Great Britain, when that Power had eight hundred naval vessels in commission, not a single port of the United States was thoroughly closed. The most serious attempts of the great maritime Powers have consisted in endeavors to interdict trade at a few of the principal ports of a belligerent. Immediately after closing the ports of the States in rebellion, and giving that act the character of a blockade, the efforts of the department were directed toward securing several harbors at comparatively equidistant points, as bases of operations for the several squadrons, where our naval vessels could receive their supplies and maintain themselves at their stations and on their cruising ground, without returning to Northern ports for repairs and refitments. To have done this would not only have endangered the efficiency, but in some instances might have involved an abandonment of the blockade. To this end there were set on foot various coast expeditions which have resulted in our taking possession of or closing all the ports excepting Wilmington. From various causes, Cape Fear River is more difficult to blockade than any port on the coast of the United States. The two main entrances are forty miles apart, and these two are subdivided into several others, each of which affords an entrance to vessels. The water shoals gradually and regularly to the shore-line, and numerous isolated batteries are erected along the coast, so that a blockade-runner of light draught is not under the necessity of making directly for the entrance, but can, by the lead, run close under the land protected by the batteries, and pass in over the bar at leisure. When coming out, a steamer will select her own time, thus securing every advantage, and she can pass either up or down the coast before making an offing, or she may proceed straight out to sea, trusting for her escape to the night and favoring darkness and mists, and the fact that she is under full speed, whilst the steamers blockading must have low steam.

Almost every vessel employed in violating the blockade has been constructed in England with great skill, regardless of cost, and with sole reference to engaging in this illicit trade, the profits of which are almost as remunerative as those attending the slave-trade, a kindred traffic, that all Christendom discountenances, and the most powerful maritime nations have combined in vain to suppress; yet the slave-trade is carried on within limits which measure but a fraction of our extended blockade. The cupidity of English merchants, aided by their vast resources, together with the advantages derived from those triangular depots of blockade-runners and of rebel supplies—the ports of Halifax, Bermuda and Nassau, ports which will always be in sympathy with the enemies of this country—has induced them to engage in this trade. The illicit traffic with the rebels, who are making war upon our Government, belongs to that code of commercial morals which prompted the smuggling of opium into China, and the rule of those who engage in it is to trade, legally or illegally. If it be illegal, it is the business of the Chinese and Americans, not of Englishmen, to prevent it.

Many who have failed to make themselves acquainted with the facts connected with the Wilmington blockade have been free and severe in their censures of the manner in which it has been conducted. The intelligent officers of the naval and merchant service who have labored with untiring zeal and assiduity, and watched with sleepless vigilance through weary months of winter and summer, and in all weathers, stimulated by the hope of benefiting their country and receiving its thanks, as well as by every inducement to fame and pecuniary reward, if successful, do not concur in the opinion that the port of Wilmington can be entirely closed by blockade.

Convinced, as the department always has been, that it is necessary to take possession of the entrances, so as to permit our armed vessels of light draught to go inside, no opportunity has been omitted to impress the necessity of joint naval and military operations for that purpose. The navy has been at all times ready to perform its part in such an expedition; but the army has not yet been able to unite in a conjoint movement. Neither branch of the service can expect to be successful in an attack upon this position independent of the other. Were there deep water at Wilmington, as at New Orleans, Mobile, and Port Royal, either of those operations could have been repeated at that point, but by reason of the shoalness of the water, an exclusively naval operation cannot be relied upon to be successful.

WESTERN GULF SQUADRON.

An object earnestly cherished by the navy, but which has been delayed for army coöperation, was the possession of the bay of Mobile. In anticipation that this would receive early attention, Rear-Admiral FARRAGUT rejoined his squadron in January, but the operation was still further postponed for military demonstrations in Texas and on Red River.

After referring to the causes of delay in the War Department, the Secretary says:

Military coöperation was secured in the early part of August, and two iron-clads from James River and two from the Mississippi having reached him, Rear-Admiral FARRAGUT, at 5.40 o'clock on the morning of the 5th of August, got his fleet under way and entered Mobile Bay, passing between Forts Morgan and Gaines. Silencing their guns as he passed, he encountered the rebel squadron, which by 10 o'clock was dispersed, captured, or destroyed. This engagement, in many respects one of the most remarkable on record, and which added new lustre even to the renown of Rear-Admiral FARRAGUT, was not without serious loss on the part of his fleet. The most serious of these was the destruction of the iron-clad *Tecumseh*, one of his most formidable vessels, by a torpedo, early in the action, and the loss of her gallant commander, T. A. M. CRAVEN, and nearly all of her brave officers and crew. It was from the *Tecumseh* that the first shot was fired at Fort Morgan. The total casualties, not including those of the *Tecumseh*, were fifty-two killed and one hundred and seventy wounded. * * *

The capture of Forts Powell, Gaines and Morgan, and the destruction of the rebel fleet, gave us possession of the bay, and closed the port to all ingress or egress of blockade-runners. This was all that was contemplated. Possession of the City of Mobile could not make the blockade more effectual, and without a sufficient coöperating land force, which could not then be spared to take and hold the place, further demonstration was not advisable.

To obstruct naval operations, the bay had been strewn with torpedoes, and as late as the 13th of September Rear Admiral FARRAGUT wrote the Department that he was still engaged in removing them. One hundred, it was reported, had been placed in the bay by the rebels.

EAST GULF SQUADRON.

The limits of the Eastern Gulf Squadron have been extended so as to embrace within its cruising grounds the waters of the Bahamas and the vicinity of Cuba.

On the 7th of August Acting Rear-Admiral BAILEY, whose health was suffering from the debilitating influence of the climate, turned over the command of the squadron, by permission of the department, to Capt. THEODORE P. GREENE, the officer next in rank, and came north. Capt. GREENE continued in command until the 12th of October, when he was relieved by Acting Rear-Admiral C. K. STRIBLING.

Notwithstanding the sanitary precautions adopted for the health of this squadron, many of the vessels failed to escape the infection of the yellow fever, so much and so justly dreaded, and had to seek a northern climate during the Summer. The system of promptly ordering vessels to a healthier locality the moment they became infected has been in its effects salutary, the ravages of the disease having thereby been checked, and the ship's complement soon restored to the usual standard of health.

Although the squadron was temporarily reduced by these withdrawals, no serious interruption took place in the disposition of the blockade, which had continued to be effective. Less frequent captures, and other indications, demonstrate that the traffic and communication with the Florida coast had pretty much ceased.

SOUTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

The coast under blockade by the South Atlantic squadron is about three hundred miles in extent, and a considerable portion of it is a network of inlets and sounds. Within the limits of this command are two of the chief seaports of the insurgents—Charleston and Savannah—cities of wealth and marts of commerce in other days, but the war which they commenced, and which they still continue to wage against the Union, has caused each of them to be sealed up, and has destroyed their wealth and prosperity.

After reviewing the operations against Charleston and Savannah, in the Spring of this year, the Secretary says:

Intelligence that the rebels were strengthening Fort Sumter, building bomb-proofs and mounting heavy guns on the channel faces, led Rear-Admiral DAHLGREN early in the summer to entertain the thought of attacking that fortification and attempting the passage with his iron-clads. It was a question of great responsibility, for the assault, if made, would draw upon the vessels the concentrated fire of many powerful batteries; he therefore called a council of his officers in command, and after a full discussion, a large

crew, and sunk her. Only himself and one of his party escaped death or capture.

This daring and successful exploit removed the reliable defence of Plymouth. Commander MACOMB, senior officer in the sounds, promptly availed himself of the advantages of Lieut. CUSHING'S achievement. With the naval force at his command, he pressed on to Plymouth, drove the rebels from their rifle-pits and batteries, and on the 31st of October took possession of the place, capturing a few prisoners, thirty-two cannon, small arms and ammunition, thus re-establishing the Union supremacy in the sounds of North Carolina.

From July, 1863, when the rebels were driven from Morris Island by the combined forces of Rear-Admiral DAHLGREN and Maj.-Gen. GILLMORE, and the navy thereby gained command of the entrance to, and possession of, Charleston harbor, so that monitor vessels could remain inside, blockade-running ceased almost entirely in that quarter, and was transferred to, and vigorously prosecuted at, Wilmington.

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Some idea of the difficulty of closing the main entrances to Cape Fear River, which are nearly forty miles apart, can be formed when it is considered that with fifty of our steamers, some of them the fastest in the service, stationed and distributed by naval officers of intelligence and experience, off those entrances, blockade-runners, watching their opportunity, and availing themselves of dark nights, good pilots, and extraordinary speed, succeed in getting into and out of Wilmington.

Acting Rear-Admiral S. P. LEE, who for two years had been in command of this squadron, discharging his arduous duties with intelligence and fidelity, was relieved by Rear-Admiral PORTER, who took command of the North Atlantic squadron on the 12th of October.

MISSISSIPPI SQUADRON.

The events of the year have furnished additional proof of the wisdom of the policy which dictated the organization of a powerful and efficient squadron on the rivers of the interior. Its usefulness has been demonstrated on many occasions and in various ways. Whether in convoying transports laden with soldiers or supplies destined for the army, or merchandise and produce of the people; in assisting in repelling attacks upon weak military posts; in rendering more safe the navigation of the streams to commerce and travel; in independent naval expeditions, or in coöperating in extensive military movements, its importance has been manifested.

To obtain possession of the Mississippi, and constantly patrol that great stream from Cairo to New-Orleans, is in itself a work of vast magnitude. By it the rebel combinations have been broken, and their organization severed, as it were, by an impassable gulf. The Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers have likewise been patrolled. Thus loyal citizens in their vicinity have been protected, refuge has been afforded to those escaping from anarchy and oppression, and partisan bands have been dispersed.

On the 7th of March, Rear-Admiral PORTER had assembled at the mouth of Red River, a formidable fleet of iron-clad vessels and of light-draught wooden boats for coöperation with the army, and was there joined by a portion of Major-Gen. SHERMAN'S force in transports, under the command of Gen. A. J. SMITH.

The joint forces moved up the river on the 12th of March, to form a junction with Major-Gen. BANKS at Alexandria. In their progress some of the vessels branched off into the Atchafalaya, while the main portion continued up Red River. The rebels were driven in turn from Simmsport and Fort DeRussy, the latter falling again into our possession, with its guns and munitions of war and a few prisoners. Some of the fleetest vessels were dispatched to Alexandria, with the hope of cutting off the rebels in their retreat, but without success. That place was occupied by our forces, and about the 1st of April, both army and navy commenced to move up the river toward Shreveport. A part only of the naval force could proceed further up the river than Alexandria, and it was with difficulty they reached that point. But the assistance of the gunboats was so essential to success, that some risks had to be taken, and extraordinary exertions were made to pass the vessels over the falls, so as to give the required coöperation. Main force had to be used to haul the gunboats. But Grand Ecore was reached without accident, and occupied without opposition. There were at this time indications of the usual rise of the season in the river, and everything promised success. Twenty-three heavy guns had been captured from the rebels since the entry into that river. Springfield landing had been designated as the point for the next junction of the coöperating forces, and it was reached at the appointed time, three days after leaving Ecore, by six gunboats and twenty heavy transports. Here they learned that the army under Gen. BANKS had met a reverse, and was falling back to Pleasant Hill, some distance below. Rear-Admiral PORTER was therefore compelled to turn back, with the full knowledge that in retracing his steps he would be interrupted at every assailable point. The rebels, flushed with their success against the army, availed themselves of every opportunity which offered for harrassing the gunboats and transports.

[Respecting the Potomac Flotilla, the particulars furnished in the Secretary's report are not of very general interest—but we make the following extracts:]

At all times and on all occasions the flotilla has given its active and willing coöperation to the military movements. While the army was in the vicinity of Fredericksburgh last Spring and Summer, the services of the smaller steamers on the Rappahannock were efficient and invaluable. They opened communication with the military forces, cleared large numbers of torpedoes from the river, drove the rebels from its banks, convoyed transports with troops and supplies going to the army, and returning with the wounded and sick from the battlefield. The vessels which are employed in this service are of light draught, and their construction is necessarily slight, consequently those who serve on board of them in a hostile country are exposed to more than ordinary peril. But whether in clearing the banks of the Rappanannock of sharpshooters, or removing from its bed dangerous torpedoes, no less daring and energy have been exhibited than by others in vessels of larger proportions and with greater protection.

PACIFIC SQUADRON.

There has been no material change in the strength of this squadron within the past year. The new steamer *Wateree* joined it, and orders have been given detaching the *Narragansett* and ordering her to the Atlantic States.

Acting Rear-Admiral CHARLES H. BELL, having had command of the squadron for three years, has been recently relieved by Acting Rear-Admiral GEORGE F. PEARSON; the transfer took place at Panama, on the 25th of October.

No hostile craft has made its appearance in the Pacific, and our commerce has been carried on in its usual channels without interruption, other than that necessarily caused by the measures of foreign Powers in an attitude of hostility toward each other.

The blockade of Mexican ports on the Pacific by the French fleet rendered it important for Acting Rear-Admiral BELL to remain several months in that quarter with his flag-ship, in order to look after the interests of the United States. An exception in favor of the steamers of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, made in the declaration of blockade, gave them the continued use of the harbor of Acapulco as an intermediate depot, and the presence of the flag-ship, or some other one of the vessels at that port, has aided in giving protection to the property of the company against the acts of lawless persons, and inspired those on board the steamers with a feeling of security from assaults of insurgent cruisers from seaward.

About the middle of April Acting Rear-Admiral BELL proceeded from Acapulco to Panama, and thence to Callao, at which port he arrived on the 25th of May, 1864.

Difficulties had arisen between Peru and Spain, which resulted in the seizure, by the naval squadron of the latter, of the Chincha Islands, and it was essential that our extensive fleet of guano vessels frequenting that quarter should have within reach an armed vessel for their own country to give aid and security in the event of unnecessary interruption of their interests. The threatening attitude of these two Powers induced Acting Rear-Admiral BELL to remain with the flagship at Callao, from May, until the 5th of October. The remaining vessels of the squadron have visited the Mexican and Central American ports, and it is not known that they have failed in any respect to respond to all proper appeals of our countrymen for aid and encouragement, or to observe and scrupulously regard the rights of, and courtesies due to, friendly nations.

Rumors or reports of a rebel privateer fitting out at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, drew to that quarter the United States steamer *Narragansett* from San Francisco. The probability of such a scheme being carried into effect was ascertained to be not greater than that which had but a short time previously drawn the United States steamer *Saginaw* to that locality. After cruising, therefore, a short time in the Straits of Fuca and Puget's Sound, and receiving the friendly assurances of Her Britannic Majesty's authorities, that every effort would be made to discountenance and arrest any proposed violation of neutrality, the *Narragansett* returned to San Francisco.

WEST INDIA SQUADRON.

The West India squadron, as an organization, has been discontinued. Acting Rear-Admiral JAMES L. LARDNER, who had command of it at the date of my last annual report, arrived at Hampton Roads, in the *Powhatan*, on the 3d of October, in pursuance of orders of the department.

PIRATICAL CRUISERS.

The three English-built piratical cruisers which, under the rebel flag, have, during the last two years, roamed the seas, robbing and destroying our merchantmen, shunning all armed antagonists, and have found refuge and protection, and too often supplies and other assistance in neutral ports, have terminated their predatory career. Their unrestrained warfare has undoubtedly had the effect of diminishing American tonnage, and caused a transfer of American shipping to English and other flags. Whether the maritime nations of the world will be ultimately benefited by this policy of fostering rebel belligerents may well be doubted. We have been compelled to encounter it as one of the incidents of this extraordinary and unnatural conflict. While notoriously engaged in plunder and in the wanton destruction of our merchant sailing ships, these English-built, and almost exclusively English-manned, rovers have never, during their satire piratical career, brought in for adjudication and condemnation a single vessel or cargo. The less bulky and more valuable portions of their robberies were taken on board the corsairs to be sold or covertly transferred in neutral ports, while the stolen chronometers and a few mementoes were retained as memorials of their achievements. All else was destroyed.

Here follows an account of the destruction of the *Albermarle*, by the gallant WILSON, which has now become a matter of history.

The Secretary, in this par tof his report, furnishes an account of the depredations committed by the *Florida* and other vessels.

THE NAVAL FORCES.

The subjoined statements present a general exhibit of the navy, including vessels under construction on the 1st of December, 1864, with a comparative statement of the navy in December, 1863 and 1864.

A tabular statement is appended of the number of naval vessels, of every class, that have been constructed, or in the course of construction, since March 4, 1861.

General exhibit of the navy, including vessels under construction, Dec., 1864.

No. of Vessels.	Description.	No. of guns.	No. of tons.
113	Screw steamers especially constructed for naval purposes	1,426	189,231
62	Paddle-wheel steamers especially constructed for naval purposes	524	51,878
71	Iron-clad vessels	275	80,596
149	Screw steamers purchased, captured, &c., fitted for naval purposes	614	60,380
174	Paddle-wheel steamers purchased, captured, &c., fitted for naval purposes	921	78,762
112	Sailing vessels of all classes	850	69,549
671	Total	4,610	510,396

Compaaative Statement of the Navy, December, 1863 and 1864.

No. of Vessels.	Description.	No. of Guns.	No. of Tons.
671	Total Navy, December, 1864	4,610	510,396
588	Total Navy, December, 1863	4,443	467,967
83	Actual increase for the year	167	42,429
26	Total losses by shipwreck, in battle, capture, &c., during the year	146	13,084
109	Actual addition to the Navy from December, 1863, to December, 1864	313	55,513

Vessels Constructed for the Navy since March 4, 1861.

No	Description.	Guns	Tonnage.
7	Screw sloop Ammonoosuc class, 17 to 19 guns, 3,213 to 3,713 tons each	121	23,637
1	Screw sloop Idaho, 8 guns and 2,638 tons	8	2,638
8	Screw sloops, spar deck, Java class, 25 guns and 3,177 tons each	200	25,416
2	Screw sloops, spar deck, Hassalo class, 25 guns and 3,365 tons each	50	6,730
10	Screw sloops, clippers, single deck, Contoocook class, 13 guns and 2,348 tons each	130	23,480
4	Screw sloops, Kearsarge class, 6 to 12 guns, and averaging 1,023 tons each	40	4,092
6	Screw sloops, Shenandoah class, 8 to 16 guns and 1,367 to 1,533 tons each	74	8,584
2	Screw sloops, Ossipee class, 10 to 13 guns and 1,240 tons each	23	2,480
8	Screw sloops, Serapis class, 12 guns and 1,380 tons each	96	11,040
4	Screw sloops, Kesaca class, 8 guns and 831 to 900 tons each	32	3,462
8	Screw sloops, Nipsic class, 7 to 12 guns and 593 tons each	71	4,744
23	Screw gunboats, Unadilla, 4 to 7 guns and 507 tons each	123	11,661
9	Screw tugs, Pinta class, 2 guns and 350 tons each	18	3,150
2	Screw tugs, Pilgrim class, 2 guns and 170 tons each	4	340
13	Paddle-wheel steamers, double-enders, Octorara class, 7 to 11 guns, and 730 to 965 tons eabh	98	11,024
26	Paddle-wheel steamers, double-enders, Sassacus class, 10 to 14 guns and 974 tons each	272	25,324
7	Paddle-wheel steamers, of iron, double-enders, Mohongo class, 10 guns and 1,030 tons each	70	7,220
1	Paddle-wheel steamer, of iron, double-ender, Wateree, 12 guns and 974 tons	12	974
141	Total	1,342	175,986
	IRON-CLAD VESSELS.		
2	Sea-going casemated vessels, Dunderberg and New-Ironsides	28	8,576
3	Sea-going turret vessels, Puritan, Dictator and Roanoke	12	9,733
4	Double-turret vessels, Kalamazoo class, 4 guns and 3,200 tons each	16	12,800
4	Double-turret vessels, Monadnock class, 4 guns and 1,564 tons each	16	6,256
1	Double turret vessel, Onondaga, 4 guns and 1,250 tons	4	1,250
4	Double-turret vessels, Winnebago class, 4 guns and 970 tons each	16	3,880
8	Single-turret vessels, Canonicus class, 2 guns and 1,034 tons each	16	8,272
9	Single-turret vessels, Passaic class, 2 to 4 guns and 844 tons each	21	7,596
20	Single-turret vessels, Yazoo class, 1 to 2 guns and 614 tons each	35	12,280
2	Single-turret vessels, Sandusky and Marietta, 2 guns each	4	953
3	Single-turret vessels, Ozark, Neosho and Osage, 2 to 7 guns each	13	1,624
2	Casemated vessels, Tuscumbia and Chillicothe, 5 and 3 guns respectively	8	768
62		189	73,988
203	Total	1,631	249,974

The foregoing tabular statement exhibits the number and description of vessels that have been constructed, or put in the course of construction, for the navy, since the institution of active measures for the suppression of the rebellion. Some of them have been built by contract; others by the Government, in the several navy-yards. If we add to the number those constructed under similar circumstances, and within the same period, that have been lost by shipwreck, in battle, &c., viz.; the sloops *Housatonic* and *Adirondack*, and the iron-clads *Monitor*, *Weehauken*, *Keokuk*, *Indianola*, and *Tecumseh*, the aggregate would be 210 vessels, 1,675 guns, and 256,755 tons.

Picket-boats, and small craft built for especial purposes, are not embraced in this statement.

CONSTRUCTION OF NAVAL VESSELS.

At the commencement of the rebellion the navy consisted of sailing vessels, a few paddle-wheel steamers, and screw vessels with auxiliary steam-power. Among the latter, the principal and most important were the steam frigates, which, on account of their great draught of water, were unsuitable for any other purpose than that of cruisers on foreign stations as flag-ships, for which indeed they were intended. These vessels had been built to meet the conditions of the day; some of them, the *Mississippi* for instance, had been in service more than twenty years. When constructed, the principal object in view was armament, not speed, and they were equal, if not superior, to the vessels of other naval Powers. For attacks on forts, when accessible to naval attacks, or to protect troops in landing, they can still render service. Time was required to repair and place in proper condition such of these vessels as were dismantled, and also those which were recalled from service abroad. The sailing men-of-war had become useless for fighting purposes. In the emergency that devolved upon it at the beginning of hostilities, the department resorted to the commercial marine, and purchased every available merchant steamer that could advantageously be converted into a naval vessel, and be used to enforce the blockade.

The want of a class of small, heavily-armed, propeller vessels was felt, and the department immediately proceeded, on its own responsibility, and without any appropriation or authorization by Congress, to contract for the construction of twenty-three gunboats, of which the *Unadilla*, *Pionola* and *Wissahickon* may be taken as the type. Some of these vessels were afloat, armed and manned within four months from the date of contract, and participated in the attack on Port Royal; others took part on the lower Mississippi in passing the forts and in capturing New-Orleans. These gunboats continue to maintain a good reputation, and their steam machinery gives satisfaction. Well adapted as they are for guarding our coast, a larger description was needed for ocean service, and four vessels of the class of the *Ossipee*, mounting each two guns of eleven inches, were built. There were, also, four vessels of slightly less tonnage constructed, carrying the same armament, of which the *Kearsarge* is the type. The *Shenandoah* is the type of six vessels, mounting each three eleven-inch guns, all of which sustain a high reputation. The heavy guns mentioned constitute the principal armament of the several classes named, but they each have in addition from two to six guns of less calibre. All of these vessels are screw steamers, suitable for sea cruising: but for shallow sounds and bays, the rivers and bayous, often narrow and tortuous, another and different class, drawing less water, was found to be necessary, and for them competition was invited. To turn in these frequently restricted channels is difficult, sometimes impossible, and the necessities of the case suggested the principal of a fighting vessel with a double bow and rudder at each end. Twelve paddle-wheel steamers constructed on this principle were built, some in the navy-yards and others by contract. The *Port Royal* and the *Sonoma* are types of this class. An additional number, amounting to twenty-seven, of these double-bowed paddle-wheel vessels have been built, almost all of them by contract. The *Sassacus*, which was distinguished in the attack on the rebel ram in Albemarle Sound, the *Metacomet*, conspicuous in Mobile Bay, and the *Butaw*, are types of these vessels. Eight of this class are built or building of iron, and will have strength sufficient for sea service as well as for inland waters. One of them, the *Wateree*, sent round Cape Horn, reached San Francisco in September last, and is on duty in the Pacific.

In order to have armed vessels suitable for naval operations on the Mississippi and its tributaries, the Department invited plans and propositions from shipbuilders and others acquainted with those waters, and the vessels built on those rivers have been chiefly from the plans submitted by parties thus invited. Two of these vessels, built at St. Louis, participated in the action with the rebel ram *Tennessee*, and have done good service in Mobile Bay.

The entire class of monitor or turreted vessels has been brought into existence during this war, and the coast and harbor iron-clads have been serviceable in James River, at Charleston, and at Mobile. Modifications and improvements have been made in this class of armored vessels.

The pressure for iron-clads of light draught, which could ascend the rivers and penetrate the sounds and bays along our coast, was felt to be a necessity. The operations of our armies in the vicinity of the inland water and adjacent to the rivers required the constant presence of gunboats. But the men thus employed, as well as the magazines and machinery of the vessels are exposed, especially in the narrow streams with high and wooded banks. Some vessels, and not a few valuable lives, have been lost by these exposures, and in order to afford all possible protection to the gallant men who encounter these dangers, the Department considered it a duty to provide armored vessels of light draught for their security. Contracts were entered into for the construction of twenty vessels on the monitor principle, each to carry two 11-inch guns, in order to be efficient, and to draw seven feet of water.

It was ascertained, however, when the first two approached completion, that their draft of water was more than was intended. The heavy armor and the two 11-inch guns, with the machinery to give them proper speed, involved the necessity of enlarging the capacity of each of them. When making these necessary alterations, it was deemed advisable, under applications from some of the commanders of squadrons for boats that should present but a small rise above the surface of the water, to dispense with the turrets in five of these light-draft vessels, with a view to special operations. The remaining fifteen were ordered to be enlarged by raising their decks, thereby giving them additional tonnage and greater draft and making them more efficient, but in other respects carrying out the original design. This work is now being performed, and most of the vessels are near completion.

The exigencies of the times and the necessities of the war have stimulated the inventive faculties of our countrymen to vast improvements in vessels, in engines, in ordnance and projectiles. That in some instances they are not at first entirely successful is not surprising. Mistakes and even failures will occur. In nearly every class of vessels that have been built, and especially those that are armored, more or less alterations have been found necessary while they were being constructed. Only two of the monitor class of vessels, the *Dictator* and *Puritan*, are proposed for sea-service. Their success, of which the inventor and builder is sanguine, is among the experiments that the period and the exigencies of the country have imposed upon the department.

Four turreted vessels have been built in the navy-yards, of wood, and cased with iron—differing therein from the original monitors, which are exclusively of iron. One of them, the *Monadnock*, now in commission, has performed her trips from Boston to Hampton Roads with entire satisfaction, giving assurance that this experiment, deviating, in essential respects, from others, is likely to be successful. The draught of water of the *Monadnock* is twelve feet, and with two independent screws she has a speed of ten knots. Four other similar vessels, of a still more formidable and invulnerable character, are building.

The only sea-going iron-clad ships, besides the two turreted vessels already mentioned; are the *New Ironsides*, built in 1862; the *Roanoke*, one of the old frigates which has been armored, and the *Dunderberg*, a casemate vessel. For this vessel the contractor has promised a speed of fifteen knots at sea.

The department has, on several occasions, invited propositions for iron, sea-going, armored ships, but Congress having declined to make the necessary appropriations, no measures have been taken for their construction.

The vessels recently built, and at present constructing in the navy yards, are of wood, the smaller class of them being gunboats, eight of which are of the class of the *Nepsic*, 600 tons, mounting one heavy pivot and four broadside guns. There are four of the class of the *Nantucket*, of 900 tons, mounting one heavy pivot, with six broadside guns. In addition to these there are four vessels of the class of the *Algona*, with a tonnage of 1,350 tons, and proportionate armament. All of these vessels have very considerable steam-power, and will, as some of them have already proved, be efficient cruisers at sea.

The immediate wants of the blockade having been supplied by the vessels built and altered in the navy-yards, and by purchase of the best merchant steamers capable of bearing heavy armament, the attention of the department has been bestowed on larger and more imposing ships, such as would be formidable not only for home defence but for foreign service. The position and influence of a nation among the great commercial and maritime powers of the world are to a great extent dependent on its naval ability. Limited appropriations have already been made by Congress for vessels of this character. Each succeeding year of this war has produced from foreign shipyards steamers of greater speed to run the blockade, and the reliable preventive of this illicit trade must be found in vessels of increased steam power. By making them of sufficient size they will be formidable, not only to neutral violators of our laws, but to any enemy. Of the vessel on which some sacrifice of armament has been made to obtain speed there are seven building, three of which are already launched, and the others will soon be ready. Two of these vessels are being built by contract, and five in the navy-yards. This class of vessels is represented by the *Ammonoosuc* and the *Chattanooga*. There are also in progress of construction twenty vessels with steam machinery of rather less power, but which are to be much more heavily armed. Ten of these, of the class of the *Illinois*, the *Guerriere* and the *Java*, have covered gun-decks, and will carry twenty heavy guns. Two will have a plating of thin iron as a protection from shells. The remaining ten, of the class of the *Contoocook* and *Manitou*, building in the navy-yards, are of less size, but with equal machinery, and intended for greater speed. As all of them will be provided with masts and sails, they can be cruising vessels and used on foreign stations.

STEAM MACHINERY.

As our navy has become not only exclusively a steam navy, but a very large one, with an enormous consumption of coal and great expenditure for the construction and repair of machinery, it becomes a matter of the first consequence that only the best machinery be obtained for it. This problem is one of very difficult, costly, and slow solution. The great maritime countries of England and France have not yet solved it, either in the commercial or war marine, and at this hour the best authorities do not agree upon it. So many conditions enter into the problem that as prominence is given more or less to one or the other different conclusions are reached. It is evident that as the question is purely a practical one, it can only be answered by extensive experience and accurate observations. Mindful of the importance of this matter, the department, notwithstanding the great pressure upon its resources by the war, has kept it in view and promoted by every means the acquisition of the necessary information. The proportions of hulls have been varied with a view to determine the relative development of speed in proportion to given power; machinery has been constructed upon different types and systems, and the department has encouraged all offers from citizens, as well as from its own officers, to build new machinery that gave promise of improvement. The navy at this moment contains marine machinery on an extensive scale of every kind; their results are in its log-books, from which can be determined their various merits, both for general service and for particular applications.

In the new screw gunboats machinery has been used designed by CORLISS, of Providence, R. I.; J. ERICSSON, of New-York; WILLIAM WRIGHT, of WOODRUFF & BEACH'S establishment at Hartford; MERRICK & SONS, of Philadelphia, and the Bureau of Steam Engineering of the department. This was competitive machinery to be of equal power propelling the same hull.

In the double-bowed paddle-wheel steamers machinery has been employed designed by MERRICK & SONS, of Philadelphia; by E. N. DICKERSON, and by the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

In the large sloops-of-war, of three thousand tons and over, competitive machinery is being placed by the above parties, and by J. ERICSSON.

In the frigates and sloops of the old navy, and in some of those built during the early part of the present Administration, machinery was employed designed by most of the principal establishments in the country. The Fulton Iron Works and Morgan Iron Works, of New-York; MESSRS. WOODRUFF & BEACH, of Hartford, Connecticut; HARRISON LORING and the Atlantic Works, of Boston; MERRICK & SONS, of Philadelphia; the Vulcan Works, of Baltimore, and the Bureau of Steam Engineering.

In these vessels nearly every variety and type of engine, of valve-gear, of rate of expansion, of surface condenser, of screw propellor, and of boilers, have been thoroughly tested; but the results thus far show that the machinery designed by the Steam Engineering Bureau of the department has not been surpassed, perhaps not equaled, by any of its competitors, while in many cases their results have been greatly below it.

In its iron-clads, the department has experimented by the construction of different classes and sizes, both in wood and iron, propelled by one screw and by two screws, working independently of each other. In its most recent constructions, of the *Miantonomah* class, a wooden vessel designed by the naval constructors, and built at the navy-yards, with ERICSSON turrets, and machinery designed by the Bureau of Steam Engineering, a high rate of speed, perfect ventilation, impregnability, and the enormous battery of four 15-inch guns, have been combined in a vessel of the moderate size of 1,564 tons, drawing only twelve feet of water. These vessels are free from the disadvantage of fouling, which so greatly reduces the speed of iron ones.

Others of this type, but of increased tonnage, are in process of construction, to have still higher speed, and be adapted to coast service.

In the steamers bought from the commercial marine of the country, and in the captured blockade runners, now adapted for naval service, are to be found every variety of machinery, both screw and paddle-wheel, constructed either in this country or Great Britain. So far as the exigencies of the war would permit, the different types of machinery have been submitted to careful experiment to ascertain their relative merits. Nearly every variety of boiler and of expansive gear, of rate of expansion, and of saturated and superheated steam, has been made the subject of accurate experiment, and it is believed that the files of the department contain the latest and most reliable information on these subjects. A chief engineer of the navy has been sent to Europe to collect information on these topics in addition to the published accounts and official reports.

Nearly all the kinds of coal of the seaboard States have been the subject of careful experiment, with a view to ascertain their comparative value for naval purposes. A board of engineers has also experimented with petroleum as a substitute for coal in naval steamers.

As opinion appears to have settled upon the horizontal and the vertical tubular boilers, as the only ones proper for naval service, the department has one of each kind manufactured according to designs furnished by a board of nine engineers, employed in the principal private steam-engine manufacturing establishments of the country, and by the Bureau of Steam Engineering, for the purpose of accurate experiments, to determine their respective merits. These experiments will be of the most elaborate nature, and will, it is presumed, enable a choice to be made. They are now in progress.

A commission of nine, on practical engineering, has been appointed by the department, consisting of three from the Academy of Science, three from the Franklin Institute, and three on the part of the department—all eminent in physical science—to devise the proper apparatus, and make the necessary experiments therewith, to ascertain by practical results the economy of using steam with different degrees of expansion. These experiments, which are now in progress, will be as elaborate and as complete as it is possible to make them. And under the practical conditions of steam engineering, it is believed they will indisputably set at rest the amount of gain to be obtained from using steam with different measures of expansion, and also determine the relative merits of different kinds of valve gear, steam pressure, etc., besides settling many incidental questions of great importance.

Nothing has been left undone in the way of ascertaining and putting in use all valuable improvements in steam machinery, and no occasion neglected of experimentally determining the data necessary for correct opinion.

The competitive engines and boilers now under construction and trial furnish information which will be of great public utility.

NAVY-YARD FOR IRON VESSELS AND MACHINERY.

The introduction of steam as a motive power for naval vessels, is causing a revolution in maritime warfare which the ablest minds have long predicted would be the result of this agency, but which is not yet to its fullest extent appreciated. It changes the whole character of blockade, and in future wars it will be found that a few privateers by steam will harass or annihilate the commerce of the most powerful belligerent nations.

Our country has been compelled by this civil war to take the initiative in organizing a vast steam navy with which to establish and enforce the blockade of our whole coast from the Chesapeake Bay to the Rio Grande; and also to suppress the depredations of semi-privateers, built by skilled English mechanics in English ship-yards, and manned by Englishmen, which, under the rebel flag, have roved the ocean, destroying our merchant shipping, and have found refuge and supplies in English and neutral ports.

When hostilities commenced, our Government had provided no suitable navy-yard with machine-shops and foundries to manufacture the necessary machinery for our rapidly increasing and expanding navy; but the department was compelled to rely on the few private establishments, which it could divert from other engagements, for the immense work that was calling out the resources of the nation.

Great embarrassment was experienced in consequence of this neglect of the Government at the very commencement of the war, and although the naval service and the country are suffering constantly from this neglect, measures for the establishment of a suitable navy-yard for the construction and repair of iron vessels, their armature and steam machinery, are still delayed.

As early as March, 1862, and on several occasions since, I have had the honor to present my views to Congress on this subject. The earnestness and frequency with which it has been brought forward must find an apology in its great importance.

It has never been the purpose of the department, in any of its suggestions or recommendations, to increase the number of our navy-yards, nor to alter their local distribution. The yard which we now have at Philadelphia is altogether inadequate to our present or future wants. It was proposed, therefore, to substitute a new one on the Delaware, in the vicinity of Philadelphia. League Island, within the limits of that city, if adopted as a site, must gradually absorb the works at the present yard, which would then be discontinued.

All of our present navy yards, it will be remembered, were established for the construction and repair of wooden sailing vessels. Steam and armored vessels have superseded these, and the inability of our present establishments for the work imposed by this war has been the source of inexpressible anxiety, and often of great disappointment and public injury. To relieve the navy-yards from work which they have but limited means to execute, and to secure necessary repairs, the department has been compelled to establish stations for machinery, and means of refitment at Mound City, Memphis, New-Orleans, Ship Island, Pensacola, Key West, Port Royal, Beaufort, Norfolk, and Baltimore. But these and all the private establishments of the country, besides other calls upon them, have been insufficient to keep the present navy in necessary order, so that, if to the duty of blockading there were added ocean conflicts with a naval power by which our ships would be often disabled, the sad spectacle would be presented of our naval vessels laid up in time of war for want of a proper establishment with the shops and means to repair them.

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A navy-yard, if we have one for naval iron work, should be established on fresh water, for this is essential to the preservation of iron vessels, which cannot be laid up in salt water during peace. Ready access to coal, iron and timber is also important. For these essential articles should be always available on the inland waters without exposure to an enemy by coastwise transportation. The vicinity of a large city where skilled artisans can be obtained without difficulty, and the facilities of markets and tenements are abundant, should be considered. A foundation of gravel would, for the purposes of machinery, be preferable to stone. An extensive water frontage must also be secured. For such a depot and establishment, where costly machinery and material would accumulate during years of peace, the advantages of an interior location are most manifest. These favorable conditions are to be obtained nowhere else so completely as on the Delaware River; and the position of League Island, within the limits of the city of Philadelphia, presents, probably, a stronger combination of the points that are necessary than any other location.

It is to be regretted that competition for supposed local benefits should interfere with, retard, and perhaps entirely defeat the Government in its efforts to secure so important a national establishment. If in such a conflict for sectional favor the country should lose forever the best situation for such a navy-yard and establishment, the result would be always deplored. The department has studiously avoided the controversy which has arisen in consequence of the efforts to secure a navy-yard at New-London, which is foreign to the question of enlarging or substituting a more commodious establishment at Philadelphia. A multiplicity of small yards, similar in character, crowded into one section of the country, was not the object or purpose of the department in the suggestions and recommendations which it has from time to time urged upon Congress. There are already three navy-yards east of the Hudson, and should Congress deem it advisable to add another to that section or elsewhere, it is to be hoped that such determination will not interfere with or prevent the Government from having a proper establishment for the construction of iron vessels, iron armor, and iron work of every description, for naval purposes, in the immediate vicinity of the iron and coal region of the more central portions of the Union. Such an establishment as the department has advised on the Delaware would not add to the number of yards, but would be a mere substitution, without one dollar's expense to the Government for land, of the more commodious and extensive grounds and water-front of League Island, in place of the present limited and restricted site at Philadelphia, which is wholly inadequate and insufficient for the purposes of a yard for even wooden ships.

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NAVY-YARD ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

By an act of Congress, approved June 30, 1864, the Secretary of the Navy was "authorized and empowered to appoint a commission, consisting of one naval officer, one officer of the engineer corps, and one civilian, to select the most approved site for a navy-yard or naval station on the Mississippi River, or upon one of its tributaries, and to report to the next session of Congress." In pursuance of the authority conferred on me by this act, a commission has been constituted, and is now engaged in making the required examinations. Rear Admiral CHARLES H. DAVIS, who has had experience as commanding officer of the Mississippi Squadron, was appointed senior member of the commission. The Secretary of War having been requested to name a suitable officer of the engineer corps to be associated on this commission, and having named and detailed Lieut.-Col. A. H. BOWMAN for the purpose, that officer was appointed. GEORGE W. BLUNT, a civilian a nautical reputation and ability, of the city of New-York, is the third gentleman of the commission.

NAVAL RANK.

There is in the naval branch of the public service no rank corresponding with that of Lieutenant-General. Congress has established the grade of Rear-Admiral, which corresponds with that of Major-General, and it would be an act of recognition eminently deserved, and which would be fully appreciated by the gallant men of the navy, were Congress to authorize the appointment of a Vice-Admiral. Such honors and preferments stimulate heroes.

Among eminent Commanders in our naval service, of whom the nation may well be proud, we have one who, all will acknowledge, merits by his achievements as high rank as that of any naval officer in any country.

On the occasion of the recent brilliant victory in the bay of Mobile, more glorious, perhaps, in some of its incidents, even, than the memorable conflict that gave us the possession and ultimately restored the free navigation of the Mississippi, it was, beyond question, the spontaneous sentiment of the country, that the veteran hero who had illustrated our naval annals by these grand successes was worthy of the highest honors, and should be promoted to the highest naval rank. In recommending, therefore, that the office of Vice-Admiral should be created, and the appointment conferred on Rear-Admiral DAVID G. FARRAGUT, I but respond, as I believe, to the voice and wishes of the naval service and of the whole country.

The attention of Congress, through the Naval Committee, has heretofore been called to the fact that the number of officers on the active list in the grades of Commodore, Captain, Commander and Lieutenant-Commander, is not equal to the number of vessels of the different rates required by law to be commanded by officers of these grades. A small increase was recommended, as well as an alteration in the law relative to filling vacancies in the grade of Admiral in time of peace. My letter on this subject, with the accompanying draft of a bill, making provision also for the incorporation into the regular service of a few volunteer officers who, by zeal, ability and service during the war, have merited this reward, will be found in the appendix to this report.

ENLISTMENT.

The enactments of the last session of Congress, in regard to enlistments, have been in their operation beneficial to the naval service, and in a great degree have corrected the unfortunate legislation of the preceding session. Not only the full compliment of men required has entered the service, but a surplus of many thousands of landsmen have offered, who could not be received. But the want of seamen is still felt. Large numbers of that valuable class were induced to enter the army when high bounties were given to the soldiers and withheld from the sailors. Many thousand trained seamen, under those extraordinary inducements, enlisted in the army before the legislation for the two branches of the public service was equalized. Although the law now authorizes their transfer to the navy, a very considerable portion of them still remain in the army, where landsmen would be of equal service. Seamen are experts, and cannot be procured by draft, or secured for an emergency like the present, any more than engineers or accomplished gunnery officers.

Stimulated by patriotic impulse, men may volunteer to serve their country in any capacity, but they cannot be made available as seamen without training and experience at sea.

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NAVAL ACADEMY.

Congress having by the act approved May 21, 1864, directed that "the United States Academy shall be returned to, and established at, the Naval Academy grounds in Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, before the commencement of the academic year 1865," it will be necessary that preparations should be commenced for putting the buildings and grounds in order as early in the ensuing Spring as the War Department can leave them. The school and the service will be benefited by having the institution permanently established, and when this is effected, it will be enabled to pursue its career under circumstances more favorable to the efficient training of the midshipmen.

The able superintendent, Commodore GEORGE S. BLAKE, has preserved his connexion with the school during its unsettled state, and its management, under many disadvantages, has been creditable to him and his associates.

CADET ENGINEERS.

Preliminary measures have been taken to carry into effect the law of the last session of Congress, authorizing the education at the Naval Academy of cadet engineers, to be selected from youths not over eighteen years of age, who shall have been engaged at least two years in the fabrication of steam machinery. A circular has been issued and printed in the papers of the great manufacturing cities, inviting applications in conformity to the law.

Before this plan shall be put in operation, it is respectfully submitted, in view of the radical changes which have been wrought by steam as a motive power for naval vessels, whether steam-engineering should not be made to constitute hereafter a necessary part of the education of all midshipmen, so that in our future navy ever line-officer will be a steam-engineer, and qualified to have complete command and direction of his ship. Hereafter every vessel of war must be a steam vessel. Those designed for ocean service will be furnished with sails in order to economize fuel while cruising; the present and future navy will therefore combine sails and steam as motive power, and seamanship and steam-engine driving will each be necessary to make the finished professional officer. The officers to sail and navigate a ship and the officers to run the steam-engine are about equal in number.

The department is not aware that any line-officer, whatever attention may have been given by him to the theoretical study of steam, is yet capable of taking charge of an engine, nor are steam-engine drivers capable of taking charge of a man-of-war, navigating her, fighting her guns, and preserving her discipline. When vessels were propelled exclusively by sails, there were but two officers, excepting in flagships, the surgeon and pa

newal, in whole or in part, of the machinery of a very large number of other vessels.

The Chief of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting states the *personnel* of the navy at about 6,000 officers and 45,000 men. Under the operation of the acts of Congress, giving seamen the same bounties as soldiers, and crediting their enlistment upon the quotas of towns, the naval deficiencies have been filled. There are now about 250 apprentice boys on the school-ship *Sabine*, and the system, as well as the proficiency of the pupils, is well spoken of. The consumption of coal this year will be about 500,000 tons. The ropewalk at the Charlestown Navy-yard furnishes all the larger sizes of rope required, but the facilities at the Washington Navy-yard are entirely inadequate to supply the needed quantity of cables and anchors, and additional establishments are recommended.

The report of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance presents a resume of the history and economy of our naval ordnance. The constant demands of the navy during the year for ordnance and ordnance stores have been promptly met, and at the same time full attention has been given to the many new and important ordnance questions of the day. Among other suggestions, is that of the removal of our large magazines from their present locations to more secluded situations. The importance of the permanent organization of a gunnery-ship, as a school for the instruction of officers and men, preparatory to being placed on board cruising vessels, is again presented. Owing to the great increase of ordnance work, and the accumulation of material at the New-York Navy-yard, more room is needed. To meet this requirement, the bureau has commenced the filling up of the unoccupied marsh adjacent to the sod-dock, which, when completed, will afford ample accommodations, as well as furnish a park for two thousand cannon, with all appliances for fitting them for service.

The Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing recommends a new arrangement of storehouses, and that they be entirely disconnected from the navy-yards. Also, the establishment of two Government bakeries, and the preparation by the Government of the preserved meats and desiccated vegetables, which now form a part of the navy ration. He also recommends an increase in the number of paymasters and assistant paymasters in the regular service, and the establishment of the grade of Passed Assistant Paymaster. The extraordinary rise in the price of provisions and clothing, and the increased number of men in the service, render additional appropriations necessary.

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation submits the usual reports of the Naval Observatory, Nautical Almanac Office, and the general administration of his department. Nearly all the nautical instruments used in the navy, which, prior to the war, were procured abroad, are now of American manufacture, not excepting chronometers and comparing watches. The same gratifying advance cannot be stated with reference to material for flags, as we still sail under foreign bunting. Notwithstanding the large quantity used by the army, the navy, and the commercial marines, scarcely any progress has been had in inducing American establishments to undertake its manufacture.

The Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery states the number of casualties reported during the year to be 171 killed and 351 wounded. Total number of cases of sickness under treatment, 61,229; of which number 1,048 died, 58,070 were returned to duty or discharged, leaving 2,111 under treatment at the close of the year. The total number of deaths is 1,560. He suggests a reorganization of the medical department so as to place it in better harmony with the growth and expansion of other branches of the service, and to adapt it more efficiently to present wants. With the existing organization and pay, it is found impossible to procure the requisite number of medical officers, the superior inducements held out to enter the land service attracting many in that direction who would otherwise prefer service in the navy. The statistics forming a part of the report show the large number of resignations, as well as the large proportion of those now in the volunteer service who decline positions in the permanent corps. Since January, fifty-two resignations have occurred, and quite a number are now before the department unaccepted, simply because of the impossibility of filling the vacancies. It is suggested that the only remedy is to make the medical commission more desirable in pay and position. The subject is commended to the attention of Congress. Additional appropriations are required for the completion of hospitals, and an alteration of the law of March 3, 1851, relating to the value of rations of sick transferred to hospitals, is suggested. Authority to purchase the balance of square No. 948, in the city of Washington, for a naval hospital, is also requested. The Government already owning a portion of the land makes it desirable, on many accounts, that the remainder (some 14,000 feet) should also be under control of the department.

The colonel commandant of the marine corps reports his command in a good state of discipline. Although its number is now fully equal to the quota authorized by law, he is unable to comply with all the requisitions for guards for sea-going vessels. The reports from the several squadrons and vessels of the service show that, in the gallant deeds of the navy, the marines have borne an honorable part.

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If in the prosecution of duties so arduous, complicated and exacting, the trust confided to this department shall appear to have been faithfully and fitly discharged, then certainly my acknowledgments are still due, as they have been heretofore expressed, to the gentlemen associated with me in its management, to the whole clerical force, to the several Chiefs of Bureaus, and especially to the invaluable services of the Assistant Secretary and the Chief Clerk of the department.

But it is to the officers and men of our naval service that the great renown of what has thus been done, and is doing, justly belongs. The best administration of this department can do little more at any time than to give them the adequate means and the right opportunity of action. To them, therefore, first and always, be the honor, when their own country and the world shall recognize in this expansion and these exploits of our naval power a spectacle of patriotic and virtuous heroism worthy of the cause in which it is displayed, and of the national life which it illustrates and defends.

GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.
To the PRESIDENT.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 7, 1864.

$5,000	U. S. 6s, '81...C.	118	29	Pac. M. S. Co.....	315
28,000	do.....	117⅛	100	N. Y. Cen. R.....	121⅛
10,000	do.....	117¼	100	do.....	121¼
16,000	do.....	118	100	do.....	122
26,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s...C.	110	100	do.....	s30 121⅛
150,000	do.....	109⅝	50	do.....	122⅛
20,000	do.....b10	110	400	Erie Railway.....	95⅞
30,000	do.....	109⅝	100	do.....b30	96
850,000	do...new iss.	109⅜	200	do.....b10	96
10,000	do...new iss.	109⅜	200	do.....b10	96⅛
20,000	U. S. 6s, 10-40s R.	109⅜	100	do.....	96⅛
74,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40s...C.	101½	200	do.....s10	96
9,000	do.....	101⅜	1300	do.....	96
5,000	do	101⅞	500	do.....	96⅛
1,000	U. S. 5s, '74...C. Indorsed.....	105	1000	do.....	96⅛
			30	Erie R. Pref.....	105
50,000	Treas. N. 7 3-10s. A. & O...Small.	118	200	Mil. & Pr. Du C....	63
			50	do.....	63¼
10,000	do.....	118¼	1000	Hudson R. R.....	117
45,000	U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cer.	97⅞	100	do.....s30	116
1,000	Tenn. 6s, '90....	56⅜	200	do.....	116⅛
8,000	do.....	56	500	do.....b30	116⅛
2,000	N. Car. 6s.....	60	2000	Reading R.....	137⅛
2,000	Ind. War Loan..	92⅜	200	Mich. Cen. R.....	129¾
4,000	do.....	94	100	do.....s30	129
5,000	Mo. State 6s....	64⅜	1000	M. S. & N. I.....	73⅛
5,000	Mo. 6s, issued to H. & St. J. R....	85⅛	200	do.....	73⅜
			1000	do.....	73⅝
1,000	City 6s, '87.....	110	100	Ill. Cen. R.....s10	130⅜
30,000	O. & M. Cer....	36⅜	500	do.....	131
20,000	do.....	36⅝	100	do.....b10	131
50,000	do.....	36⅜	100	do.....	130⅞
3,000	Erie 3d M. Bs..	115	100	do.....s30	130
10,000	C. & N. W. 1st M.	97	500	Cle. & Pitts.....	110¾
1,000	Gal. & C. 1st M. Ex	92	100	do.....b10	111
5,000	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d.	103	100	do.....s5	110⅝
29	Bk. State of N. Y.	113½	200	do.....	110⅞
44	B'k of Commerce..	114	500	Chi. & N. W.....	43
100	do.....	115	100	do.....b10	43
26	Am. Ex. Bank....	121	200	do.....	43⅛
10	Metropolitan Bank	122	200	do.....	43⅜
10	Market Bank.....	105	100	do.....s10	43⅜
50	Canton Co.....	34⅜	300	do.....	44
100	do.....	34	300	do.....	44
29	Del. & Hud. C. Co...	200	100	do.....s30	44¼
20	Cen. Coal Co.....	60	100	do.....b10	44
850	Nic. Transit.....	5	500	Chi. & N. W. Pr....	78⅛
200	Schuylkill Coal...	7	1000	do.....	78
200	Cum. Coal Pr.....	47⅜	600	Clev. & Tol.....	110
300	do.....	47⅜	800	Chi. & R. I. R....	107½
100	do.....s30	47	200	do.....	107¾
100	do.....	47⅛	300	do.....	107
400	do.....	47	100	do.....b10	107
100	do.....b30	47⅛	300	Chi., Bur. & Q....	117⅜
200	Quick. Min. Co....	87⅜	1000	P., Ft. W. & C....	106
100	do.....b10	87⅜	300	do.....	105¾
200	do.....b10	87¾	100	Alt. & T. H. Pref..	72
900	Mariposa M. Co...	36½	50	Han. & St. J. R. Pref	45
200	do.....	36	100	Ashburton Coal....	18

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7—P. M.

The Gold Room continued to advance yesterday, after regular 'Change hours, to 235 ℔ cent. At the Evening Exchange the speculators for the rise advanced the bidding to 237½@240 ℔ cent., and in the Gold Room this forenoon 243¾ ℔ cent. was at one time made. There was a subsequent reaction to a fraction below 240 ℔ cent. before 3 o'clock.

The public documents from Washington are construed by the speculators in the Gold Room as looking to the prolongation of the War and the increased employment of Legal-Tender Currency; but the truth is that neither the President's Message nor the Secretary of the Treasury's Report changes the previously understood military or financial position in the direction in which these enterprising gentlemen would have the Gold Market and the Stock Exchange run. The President has not closed the door to a general amnesty; on the contrary, he declares that it is still open, and his readiness to end the war, whenever the party in rebellion, who began it, return to their obligations under the Union and the Constitution. It is a weak as well as untruthful invention of the Gold Room to assume that popular disappointment will follow the avowal of the President that there can be no peace on the basis of a dissevered Union. And it is equally false to assume that he is less desirous of peace, or less kindly disposed to a general amnesty than was anticipated from his antecedent declarations and his independent position, now that he has been reelected for a second term. On the contrary, the present Message repeats the offer of amnesty, in its broadest terms, and with the warning, suggested by his solicitude for an early settlement, that if such offer be not availed of soon, it may be withdrawn altogether for the purpose of ending the war by a more summary and more vigorous process. Such a warning, coupled with such an offer, we believe the country will construe in a very different sense from the Gold Room.

In like manner the most gratuitous, not to say absurd, interpretations, have to-day been given to certain passages in the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, as though he desired to open anew the flood-gates of paper money, in the very act of urging the raising of money for the future exigencies of the war by rigid taxation, and on Treasury Bonds, *neither Legal-Tender*, present nor prospectively, *nor Gold-bearing*, until after the close of the war, or at the end of three or five years, when the attractive privilege of conversion into 5-20 Gold-bearing and Gold-interest Stock can be availed of.

We make the foregoing remarks in no expectation of ending the exaggerations of the speculative arena about either of the documents which have, yesterday afternoon and to-day, been made the subject of misconstruction and the pretended cause of putting up Gold. We had as soon undertake to correct or put an end to the daily rumors of disaster in the field which are circulated in the same quarter, not for their semblance of truth or probability, but because, as one of the ring said to a bullion broker a few days ago, *"we can make money out of it while the rumor lasts!"*

On the Stock Exchange and on Wall-street the demand for the Gold-bearing Stocks of the United States continued active, and there was a further rise of ¼@1 ℔ cent. on the 5-20's, and 1½ @2 ℔ cent. on the 6 ℔ cents of 1881 on yesterday's sales. At the Second Board, after a very large business through the forenoon, the extreme advance was not sustained on the new 5-20's, though the old continued firm on discretionary orders from the other side, which are coming into the market as Exchange advances.

There was a heavy increase of business at the Stock Exchange. On the Railway speculation, which was suddenly reawakened, but whether in sympathy with the rise in Gold or because the suspense about the meeting of Congress, and the appearance of the public documents is at an end, is not yet so clear. A good many of the Brokers ascribed the new movement to-day to the rise in the Gold Room, exclusively. The rise from yesterday was 1@2 per cent. at the early Board, making from 2@3 per cent. since Monday. At the Second Board and after, the market was not so strong. The Miscellaneous Shares advanced 1@1½ per cent., and there is a decided rise in Missouri State 6 per cents.

At the close of dealings the following quotations were made, as compared with Tuesday afternoon. Gold 240@240¼ ℔ cent. The Railways rather weak; Governments steady.

	Tues.	Wed.		Tues.	Wed
U. S. 6s, 1881....	116¼	117⅜	Pittsburgh	110⅝	110¾
U. S. 5-20's.....	109	109	Northwest.....	42¾	43¼
T. Certificates..	97⅝	97⅝	N. West Pref....	76⅜	77⅜
N. Y. Central...	120⅜	121⅛	Rock Island.....	106	106
Erie	94⅝	95¼	Fort Wayne.....	104½	105
Hudson.....	115	116⅜	Cum'land Coal..	46⅜	47½
Reading.....	136	136⅜	Quicksilver.....	86⅞	87
Mich. Southern..	72½	72⅞	Mariposa.....	35⅞	36¼
Illinois Cen....	128½	130¼	Ohio & M. Certfs	36	36⅜

The following bids were made to-day for the City Bank Shares:

New-York.....	115	Imp. and Traders'...	104
Manhattan.....	136	Park.....	137
Merchants'.....	112	Central National....	101
Mechanics'.....	110	Fourth National....	92
Union.....	115	Mercantile	120
America.....	139	American Exchange.	121
City.....	155	Chatham	110
Phœnix.....	166	Bk. of the Republic..	103
North River.....	107	Bank of N. Amer....	106
Chemical.....	600	Hanover.....	104
Butchers' & Drovers'	130	Metropolitan	123
Mech'cs' & Traders'	120	Grocers.....	112
Merchants' Exchange	98¾	Nassau.....	104½
State of New-York..	113½	Shoe and Leather...	100½
Commerce	115	Corn Exchange.....	105
Mechanics' Bking As.	95	Continental.....	100
Ocean	93¾	St. Nicholas.....	98
N. Y. County.....	140		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y Cen. 6s, '83.....	103	Tol. & W. Ext.....	100
Y. N. Cen. 7s, '76.....	118	Tol. & Wab. 2ds.....	83
Erie 1st mort. '68.....	104	Mil. & P. du Ch. 1sts..	110
Erie 7s, 1st mort. '79...	118	Gal. & Chi. Extended..	114
Erie 7s, 2d mort. '83....	112	New J. C. 2ds	108
Erie 7s, 2d mort., '88..	106	Pitts. Ft. W. & C. 1sts..	111⅜
Hud. R. 7s, 2d m. s. f. '85.	117	Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2ds	103
Harlem 1st. '69 & '72....	105	Pitts, Ft. W. & C. 3ds.	94
Mich. Cen. New 1sts. '82	124	Clev. & Pitts. 2ds.....	105
Chi., B. & Quincy 1sts..	120	Clev. & Pitts. 3ds. con.	100
N. I. G. Line.....	102½	Clev. & Pitts. 4ths.....	82¾
Pacific R. 7s.....	56	Miss. & Mo. L. G.....	57
Ill. Central '75.....	118¾	Chi. & Alt. 1sts.....	103½
Alton & T. H. 1sts.....	98	Chi. & Alt. Income....	87
Alt. & T. H. 2ds, Pref..	86	Alt. & G. W. 1sts.....	98
Alt. & T. H. 2ds, Income	76¾	Chi. & Miss 1sts.....	92
Chi. & N. W. 1sts.....	96½	Peninsular R. R. B.....	87
Del. L. & W. 2ds.....	110	Mil. & St. Paul 1sts....	82
Tol. & Wab. 1sts.....	100		

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer United States, New-York, was as follows: Receipts, $6,215,189 56; for Customs, $106,000; on account of Loan, $980,550; payments, $6,204,789 08; balance, $32,495,189 56.

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BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—FAUST.

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WALLACK'S—MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY—FELICITY.

The List of Letters.

The list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Post-office, published officially in the columns of the NEW-YORK TIMES, can be consulted in the Business Office of the TIMES. It will be found upon a bulletin inside the building.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The latest news from Nashville still represents the two armies of THOMAS and HOOD confronting each other south of that city. The rebels seem to be vigorously engaged in planting batteries and throwing up earthworks. On Tuesday Gen. HOOD sent in a flag of truce to Gen. THOMAS conveying a proposition to exchange prisoners. Gen. THOMAS responded that the prisoners he had captured had passed beyond his hands, and he could not, therefore, comply with his request. On the same day a body of rebels attacked block-house six and seven, near Murfreesboro. They were gallantly fought by the garrison, and soon a body of troops was sent by Gen. MILROY, from Murfreesboro, who attacked the rebels with such effect that they were driven off in confusion, losing six pieces of artillery and a number of prisoners. One brigade of white and another of colored troops, which garrisoned Johnsonville prior to its evacuation, and which were cut off from the main army when Gen. SCHOFIELD fell back from Franklin, have reached Clarkesville in safety.

The latest intelligence from Gen. SHERMAN is derived from Savannah papers of the 1st inst., and Augusta papers of Nov. 30. These journals do not definitely locate SHERMAN, evidently because they do not know just where he is. His cavalry are reported to have appeared at several points on the Savannah River, as if for the purpose of selecting a point to cross, but the movements of SHERMAN'S main body are so thoroughly masked that the rebels are as ignorant of them as we are.

A dispatch from the Army of the Potomac, dated Monday says a flag of truce appeared on Sunday in front of the Second Division of the Second Corps, bearing a dispatch addressed to Gens. GREGG, HUMPHREY and FOSTER. The flag was brought by a Captain, First, Second and Third Lieutenants, and a Sergeant, all staff officers. The dispatch was received and forwarded as directed. The nature of the dispatch has not transpired, nor is it known what answer was returned, if any. The most positive orders have been issued against any intercourse whatever with the enemy, on any pretext whatever, and particularly against exchanging newspapers, and the men along the line have orders to shoot any one who attempts to pass outside the pickets.

A dispatch from Detroit announces that information of a most positive character has been received that a raid upon that city is being organized by the rebel refugees in Canada. In consequence of the receipt of this information, the civil and military authorities are making every preparation to receive the raiders. A large number of special policemen have already been enrolled, and other active and vigorous measures are being taken for the protection of the city.

Our special correspondent at Fortress Monroe furnishes us the details of a raid upon an unarmed tug and schooner in the James River, by a party of armed rebel, who came on board in the darkness and fog, and ordering the persons on the tug into a barge, they proceeded to burn the tug and schooner. They took no prisoners, and disappeared as misteriously as they came.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, Mr. LANE, of Indiana, introduced a bill, which was ordered to be referred to the Judiciary Committee, to authorize the holding of a special session of the United States District Court of Indiana. The President *pro tem.* laid before the Senate a communication from Gov. HAHN, of Louisiana, relative to the Senators from that State. Mr. POWELL, of Kentucky, offered a resolution that the Secretary of War be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate a report of the proceedings of the court-martial appointed to investigate the conduct of Gen. E. A. PAYNE, while commanding at Paducah, Ky. The resolution was ordered to lie upon the table until the announcement of the committees. Mr. MORGAN, of New-York, presented the credentials of the Senators elect from Louisiana, proposing to refer the papers to a committee. Mr. WADE moved that all documents relating to the subject be printed. The President *pro tem.* presented to the Senate copies of the laws of the Territory of Nebraska. An adjournment then took place.

In the House, the vote by which the bill presented by Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, to prevent gold and silver coin and bullion from being paid or accepted for a greater value than their real current value, and for preventing any note or bill issued by the United States from being received for a smaller sum than is therein specified, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, was, after some debate, reconsidered, on motion of Mr. BLAINE, of Maine. The question then recurring on the question to refer the bill of the Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. STEVENS moved to postpone its consideration for ten days. Mr. BLUNT moved to lay the bill on the table. This was carried, 89 against 52. Mr. SLOAN, of Wisconsin, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending section 2, article 1 of the Constitution that Representatives in Congress shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within the Union, according to their respective number of qualified electors, and report by bill or otherwise. A resolution relative to the exchange of prisoners was offered by Mr. ENGLISH, of Connecticut. It lies over. A bill to amend the act for the naturalization of soldiers, so as to include sailors, was introduced, and referred to the Judiciary Committee. A resolution was adopted, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire what legislation is necessary to do justice to the soldiers who enlisted for unexpired terms, but who have been held for three years. Mr. RANDALL, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution that a committee of nine members be appointed to investigate the alleged frauds in the Philadelphia Navy-yard. A debate arising, the subject went over. A resolution relative to soldiers' bounties was adopted. On motion of Mr. ODELL, of New-York, the Committee on Ways and Means were instructed to inquire into the expediency of fixing an advalorem tax on sales of merchandise of every description. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Gold Room was stimulated yesterday, on false constructions among the speculators, many of whom are anything but friendly to the Government, of the President's Message and the Treasury Report. The highest figure made was 243¾; the market at 3 o'clock about 240. The Stock Exchange higher on the Railways, and again very active for Gold-bearing Stocks of the United States.

Influenced by the rise in Gold, yesterday, domestic produce was generally much firmer, and the leading articles, such as flour, wheat, pork, lard, butter, cheese, tallow, petroleum and whisky, were in brisk request. Foreign merchandise was held higher and attracted more attention. The freight engagements were mueh heavier, especially in the line of provisions, tallow and apples for British ports. There were 472 vessels of all classes in port.

The *Bavaria*, from Hamburg, via Southampton, arrived at this port yesterday morning. She left the latter port on the 14th. Her news is anticipated.

The mails by the steamer *Damascus*, at Portland, from Liverpool 17th, reached this city yesterday morning.

The blockade-runner *Vixen* has been captured by the *Rhode Island*. The *Vixen* was laden with small arms, blankets, &c.

It is reported that one of the largest houses in Montreal has failed. The name of the house has not transpired.

The Northampton (Mass.) *Gazette* of the 6th inst. says that Mr. HOWARD, ticket agent of the canal company in that town, had $2 in silver quarters paid him by a well-dressed American lady, one day last week, with the request that he would give her a $2 greenback in return. She appeared to believe the exchange an accommodation to her. The occurrence was so singular that a watch was kept on the lady for fear she might be a runaway from some insane asylum.

Rumors are circulating in the country papers to the effect that the proprietors of a popular medicine, in the New-York Sixth District, have been detected in large frauds on the internal revenue, and their establishment is in the officers' hands.

The Washington *Chronicle* says that on Thursday of last week two ladies from Tennessee came before the President, asking the release of their husbands, held as prisoners of war on Johnson's Island. They were put off until Friday, when they came again, and were again put off until Saturday. At each of the interviews one of the ladies urged that her husband was a religious man, and on Saturday, when the President ordered the release of the prisoners, he said to this lady: "You say your husband is a religious man; tell him when you meet him that I say I am not much of a judge of religion, but that, in my opinion, the religion that sets men to rebel and fight against their Government, because, as they think, that Government does not sufficiently help *some* men to eat their bread in the sweat of *other* men's faces, is not the sort of religion upon which people can get to heaven."

A largely attended convention of Tobacco Manufacturers and Dealers was held yesterday in Cooper Institute. The object of the meeting was to petition Gongress to place the tax upon the raw material instead of the manufactured article.

The New Appointment to the Chief-Justiceship—How Received.

The appointment of SALMON P. CHASE to the Chief-Justiceship of the Supreme Court gives very general satisfaction. Even his political opponents—those of course excepted whose judgment is palsied by old prejudice—cheerfully concede that the President could have made no better selection. We can recall no instance of one transferred from the political arena to the Supreme Bench with so little animadversion. It is a remarkable contrast to the storm of wrath raised by Gen. JACKSON'S appointment of his immediate predecessor.

We consider this fact very significant. It is one of the most notable tokens we have had that the Republic has indeed entered upon a new era. There is no public man in the country whose anti-slavery record has been longer, or more consistent, or more decided than that of SALMON P. CHASE. Twenty-eight years ago, he was seen in the Ohio courts pleading with great power in behalf of fugitive slaves. He took the most determined ground against the entire system of fugitive slave surrenders. The same intense anti-slavery spirit which always controlled him professionally attended his political life from the very first. One of the founders of the "Liberty party" in Ohio in 1841; an active member of the Buffalo Liberty Convention in 1843; again an active member of the second Liberty National Convention in 1847; elected to the United States Senate by the Democratic Legislature of Ohio in 1849, on distinctly avowed anti-slavery grounds; a most earnest opponent of Mr. CLAY'S compromise measures of 1850; repudiating the Democratic party because it indorsed these measures in its Presidential platform of 1852; one of the foremost advocates of the Kansas-Nebraska bill of 1854, adhering to his anti-slavery principles with the same tenacity as when Governor of Ohio in the slavery period of BUCHANAN'S Administration; still uncompromising and unflinching as member of the Peace Convention which assembled in Washington on the eve of the great rebellion; known as the head of the radical wing of President LINCOLN'S Cabinet and the special favorite of the so-called radical portion of the Union party for the next Presidency, he yet is now made Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, with the almost universal approval of both of the great parties. There are but one or two living public men in the country upon whom, in time past, the Democratic party has poured out contumely so bitter and so incessant, and yet now all this is either hushed into soft silence, or else positively converted into honeyed commendation.

This new leaning toward Mr. CHASE on the part of his old political opponents, cannot be imputed to a satisfaction that he has quitted the political arena forever. Everybody knows that in his judicial capacity he will be required to pronounce upon many momentous questions affecting the interests of slaveholders, and intimately connected with old party issues. There is no danger that he will step out of his proper judicial province to do this, in imitation of the conduct of his predecessor in the Dred Scott case; but he cannot avoid these questions if he would. In conjunction with his brethren on the bench, he will have to settle most important points of constitutional law, growing out of the Emancipation Proclamation, the confiscation acts of Congress, and other enactments that have been passed, and are yet to be passed, for the suppression of the rebellion, and the reëstablishment of constitutional rule. Yet for all that, almost every body trusts him.

The simple truth is, that the terrible discipline of this war has wrought a complete change in the temper and sentiment of even the Democratic party, in respect to the South. This change has gone on in spite of even the fierce excitement of the late Presidential canvass. It asserted itself in the cheerful acquiescence, we may almost say the positive satisfaction, with which the reëlection of President LINCOLN was received by the great body of the party. It again asserts itself in this easy concurrence in the eminent fitness of the appointment of SALMON P. CHASE to be Chief-Justice. The Democratic party, in spite of all of its old habits, cannot help recognizing that the old order of things is at an end, and that the nation is passing into a new stage of being. It is more and more realizing the necessity of conforming to this transition; and submits, with a grace never felt before, not only to the transition itself, but to those public agents who guide it, however obnoxious these may have been in other days. This happy adaptation bespeaks an end of faction, and is a most propitious augury.

The Treasury Report.

Secretary FESSENDEN acquits himself with marked credit in his first formal report to Congress. He has grapsed the financial situation with the ability of a business-like statesman, and the candor and plainness of his statements certainly imply more experience in his new and difficult office than a brief practical administration of its vast figures and complicated and embarassing duties of only five months service imply. He manifests no disposition to over-estimate the resources of the country to supply the sinews of war, ample as they confessedly are, but at the same time does justice to their intrinsic and increasing magnitude, and is not slow to appreciate the readiness of the people to bear the burden of the public debt. If Congress should, as promptly, show an equal confidence, we have reason to hope that the Secretary's estimates of the amount to be raised in the next year and a half, by loan, in place of taxation, will be materially lessened. From the experience of the past three years, on the other hand, and the merchant-like budget of the present report, we have no ground to think that these estimates will be materially, if at all, exceeded.

The increase of the public debt since the war, has been singularly well foreshadowed from term to term in the statements of the late Secretary, and there is, in the present figures, and the exceedingly lucid way in which they are placed by Mr. FESSENDEN, internal evidence that the country is not to be misled in the future of the war—assuming its continuance—any more than in the past. There were no concealments on this particular subject with Mr. CHASE, and no disappointments to the public creditors in the actual yearly results following his estimates, though the embarrassments which the late Secretary was repeatedly forced to encounter, and suddenly provide for, from the delays in and reverses to the early military campaigns in Virginia, might have well excused mistakes of estimates of hundreds of millions, had they really occurred. Their very correctness may possibly have rendered more desperate and unprincipled the misrepresentations by the enemies of the Administration and of the war, of the magnitude of the public burdens; but this is simply the work of faction—or something worse—not the fault of a straightforward candor and moral boldness to estimate in advance, and for the information of the country and the guidance of Congress, and to State at the end of each fiscal term, the true condition of the case. These misrepresentations placed the public debt at two thousand millions long before it reached *one*, and magnified it to *four* thousand millions long before it reached *two*, while the facts in the present report show an actual progression of the public debt, so close to the estimates of the Department, that the country may rest assured that deception has been and is no part of either Secretary.

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The total Public Debt of all classes stood:

On 1st July, 1863	$1,122,575,604
On 1st July, 1864	1,740,690,489

And it is estimated in the present report to stand:

On 1st July, 1865	$2,223,004,677
On 1st July, 1866	2,645,320,682

—assuming the active continuance of the war through the remainder of the present and the whole of the next fiscal years.

For the fiscal year ending June 30 last, the reliance of the department upon loans of all descriptions, before the Internal Revenue system was in thorough operation—exceeding only $109,841,181 last year, in place of $249,562,869 actual and estimated for the current year—amounted to $618,114,884. For the present year, ending 20th June, 1865, this reliance will be reduced to $482,374,188; and for the succeding year, when the internal taxes will reach $300,000,000, if not made by the revision of the system to considerably exceed this sum, the new loans acquired will be only $422,256,005.

The Secretary is averse at this late day in the war to change the policy of the *self-reliance* of the country for raising its own loans. He has followed his predecessor in recognizing *this* as the best, as well as the most independent resource, and has entered upon no foreign negotiations, although the bonds have found a large market abroad, without the agency of the Government, or even the solicitations of its friends on this side among our own bankers. The President's Message also indorses this distribution of all loans, principally among our own people.

In like manner, Mr. FESSENDEN encourages the spirit of economy in the consumption of Foreign Merchandise, already manifest by diminished and diminishing importations. The Gold Customs from this source are still ample for the Gold Interest thus far pledged on the Public Debt; but as he estimates for only $70,000,000 this year, and the same next year, without regretting the cause of a scale so moderate, as against $102,316,152 last year, he proposes to make his future loans mainly on 7-30 per cent. Currency Interest Notes, at three years date, with the privilege to throw Notes of conversion at maturity into 5-20 Gold-bearing Bonds, when the present unnatural state of things shall have given place to peace and a regular healthy trade and currency, foreign and domestic.

Mr. FESSENDEN is opposed to the further inflation of the legal-tender Currency. He would have the regulation of this Currency, as between plain and interest bearing Notes, and the amount of each, placed more in the discretion of the head of the Treasury than they are left in the Act of July last. The Gold gamblers in William-street, yesterday, seized upon this suggestion as evidence that the Secretary contemplates an early resort to more legal-tender currency to put up the price of Gold, but no such purpose can fairly or reasonably be drawn from the context, as the mode of raising money on 7-30 per cent, convertible—*but not legal-tender*—notes, so emphatically advocated in the report, abundantly shows.

The Secretary respectfully urges upon Congress a revision and increase of the Internal Tax system, and in this connection suggests a uniform tax upon all sales and resales of merchandise, real estate, &c. This important and productive, as well as thoroughly impartial source of revenue, has already been widely discussed and approved among the people. We hope that Congress will lose no time in giving it their consideration and the early sanction of law.

The Report of the Secretary of the Navy.

In the brief note which our space yesterday enabled us to make on the report of the Navy Department, we could only point to the general results in the most summary form. The Secretary, we think, might, without serious loss, have rested his case where we left it. But those who think otherwise may consult the report at length. It will be found, in all its integrity of rhetoric and of logic, to be the most formidable State paper of modern times. We give up some nine columns of our space to its reproduction this morning, not without some misgivings that even herein we fail of doing it complete justice.

Looking to the generalizations in which Mr. Secretary WELLES indulges, one is struck with the superabundance of excuses which are presented in the mitigation of certain failures laid, either justly or unjustly, at the door of the Department. The parallel which the French find between *excuse* and *self-accusation* is forcibly suggested in sundry pages of this report. We can understand why the Secretary should enlarge upon the peculiar topography of the Coast of North Carolina, the dangers of navigation at the entrance of Wilmington Harbor, and so forth. We can almost appreciate the feeling which prompts him to put the slave-trade and blockade-running precisely in the same category. We follow him, without an extra effort of imagination into his comparison between the British gunpowder traffic with the Confederacy and the British Opium Trade with China. But, without the least desire to appear impertinent, we are tempted to ask, how is it that the Secretary runs foul of the War Department almost from beginning to end of his reviews of naval operations on the Atlantic coast? At the Rio Grande in Texas; at the Red River in Louisiana; in Charleston Harbor; on the coast of North Carolina, there is the same steady and persistent complaint that military coöperation was withheld by the authorities at Washington, just at the very crisis of action. The only exception to this is in the record which the report supplies of operations in Mobile Bay. As it so happened that the genius of FARRAGUT, and the pluck, energy and enterprise of the United service *there*, achieved a success, the War Department escapes both censure and comment. In every other case, whatever failures have fallen to the lot of the Navy Department, are turned over with the most perfect *sangfroid* to the military bureau.

It may reasonably be urged, however, that these flagrant blemishes in the report, form no reflection upon the naval service itself. The record of the year is one of the most brilliant in naval history. Even those who are put down as "enemies of the United States," in Mr. WELLS' report, have been the foremost, not only to credit our naval service with almost unparalled achievements—such, for instance, as the destruction of the rebel ram *Tennessee*, mainly by a United States *wooden* man-of-war—but they have eagerly copied from us in the matter of construction, and naval ordnance. What we complain of is, *not* that the naval record of the year has been a failure, so far as regards the actual service itself, but that this ponderous discussion of its labors and successes which Mr. WELLS has given to the public, does injustice to the service in many most material points. When the President solemnly announces to the world that his relations with foreign Powers are friendly, and, in the main, satisfactory, it is not in good taste for any of his subordinates to talk of the "*foreign enemies*" of the United States. When the President proclaims his satisfaction with the administration of the War Department—as well he might—it is in execrable taste for the head of any other department to pronounce judgment on the military administration.

ENROLLMENT FOR THE DRAFT.—We do not know whether the County Volunteer Committee are correct in their surmise that we are to have another draft at an early day. But we do know that the suggestions they make in the statement which appears in our advertising columns are most practical and seasonable. They simply desire that the citizens resident within the city and county should (each for his own individual interest) coöperate with them in seeing that the enrollment is correct, so that it is placed at a proper standard. Or, in other words, that the quota of New-York shall not be hereafter—what it has always been heretofore—*excessive*.

Male citizens, therefore, who are over or under the military age, who are aliens and have not voted, who have furnished substitutes, or who are physically disabled, are simply asked to look at the Provost-Marshal's lists in their own particular districts and get their names stricken off. There is nothing very hard in this. It is work which may be done ordinarily at a cost of about half an hour's time. We earnestly urge those interested to remember that this is their own peculiar business as individuals, and that they should go about it now, to-day.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.—The President in his Message, disposed in one paragraph, of the smallest possible dimensions, of the so-called Boundary Commission, between the United States and Great Britain. It appears to be a question of browsing on some piece of bush land on the Pacific line, between the Hudson's Bay Company—a wealthy corporation of squatters—and some of our settlers, on the coast. There is nothing national, international, commercial, diplomatic or mysterious about it. It is a question of grab between certain speculative pioneers. The Hudson's Bay Company have got their own attorney appointed, officially, to represent their interests—or rather their pretensions. The affair is altogether essentially *nisi prius* in its character, and we are all relieved by knowing, from the mouth of the President, that on neither side is any one likely to be hurt.

Obituary.

GERARDUS POST, ESQ.

The bar of New-York has met with a loss in the death of one of its youngest but most promising members, GERARDUS POST, Esq., of this city. Mr. POST graduated at Columbia College in the Class of 1862, and immediately entered the law school of the college, from which he received a diploma as Bachelor of Laws, and the prize medal for superior proficiency in legal acquirements. He was subsequently admitted to the bar, and commenced the practice of his profession in this city. He died on the outset of a career of brilliant promise, in the morning of a life devoted to a profession which would have been honored by his name. His studious nature, his finished scholarship, his high aims and love for his profession, led those who knew him to look upon him as one destined to occupy an eminent position at the bar, and deepen their sorrow for his unexpected loss.

Amusements.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS commenced their regular engagement here on Monday evening. The house was crowded to its greatest capacity, and the reception of these favorite artists was all that they possibly could desire. Mr. CHAS. TAYLOR'S effective drama of the "Connie Soogah" was the piece performed.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—A version of BUCKSTONE'S comedy, called "The Happiest Day of my Life," was produced here on Monday evening. Mr. OWENS played the comic part (*Gillman*) very successfully. His drunken scene was excellent, and throughout he neglected no opportunity of completely presenting the comic side of the character. He received no support from the company. After the "comedy" Mr. OWENS gave his remarkable impersonation of *Solon Shingle*—the greatest eccentric characterization on the American stage; and after many weeks, still justly and deservedly popular.

MUSICAL.—The Choral Festival at Trinity Church ends to-night. The performance yesterday exceeded the expectations of those present, and it will of course be better to-night. We are requested to state that the doors will be opened at 6 o'clock, and that tickets can be procured in Trinity Building, (next to the Church,) from 9 A. M.

SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ART.—An adjourned meeting of citizens for the purpose of organizing an institution to be called "The Society of Associates of the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art," Dr. J. H. GARSCOM in the Chair, was held at the Cooper Institute, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at which a set of rules, regulations and conditions for their future government were adopted, after a spirited debate, during which the sections were separately considered. Thus a new scientific and art association is about being established in this city, under the most favorable auspices; enjoying in full the magnificent bequest of PETER COOPER and his associates, the Trustees of the Cooper Union, founded for the advancement of science and art. A meeting will be held at the same place on Monday next, Dec. 12, at 7½ P. M., for the purpose of electing permanent officers of the association.

CAPT. WINSLOW, OF THE KEARSARGE, AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The New-York Port Society will hold a meeting at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening next, on which occasion Capt. WINSLOW has consented to be present, and is expected to address the audience. See advertisement.

LECTURES BY PROF. DORREMUS.—Our readers will remember the enthusiasm excited by the lectures which this gentleman gave in the Cooper Institute last year, illustrated as they were by a series of magnificent and brilliant experiments. He will give another course of five lectures on "Pneumatic Chemistry," to be illustrated in the same style, in the Cooper Institute, commencing next Saturday evening. Prof. DORREMUS has the rare faculty of rendering science clear to the popular understanding, and at the same time giving it the charm of novelty and romance.

GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

A FLAG OF TRUCE.

Positive Orders Against Irregular Intercourse Between Pickets.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
Monday, Dec. 5, 1864.

A flag of truce appeared yesterday, in front of the Second Division of the Second Corps, bearing a dispatch addressed to Gens. GREGG, HUMPHREY and FOSTER.

The flag was brought by a Captain, First, Second and Third Lieutenants, and a Sergeant, all staff officers.

The dispatch was received and forwarded as directed.

The nature of the dispatch has not transpired, nor is it known what answer was returned, if any.

Picket firing is still kept up in the vicinity of Fort Sedgwick—better known as Fort Hell—but not so persistently as formerly.

A member of the Thirty-ninth New-Jersey Regiment was shot through the head yesterday while sitting in his tent some half mile in the rear of our line.

Casualties occur there almost daily.

The most positive orders have been issued against any intercourse whatever with the enemy on any pretext whatever, and particularly against exchanging newspapers, and the men along the line have orders to shoot any one who attempts to pass outside the pickets.

W. D. McGREGOR.

ANOTHER RAID.

Projected Attack on Detroit from the Rebels in Canada.

DETROIT, Mich., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Information of a most positive character has been received that a raid upon this city is being organized by the rebel refugees in Canada.

In consequence of the receipt of this information, the civil and military authorities are making every preparation to receive the raiders.

Col. HILL, the military commander, in a note to Major BARKER, published this morning, recommends that immediate measures be taken to organize and arm the militia regiments for local protection.

A large number of special policemen have already been enrolled, and other active and vigorous measures are being taken for the protection of the city.

Meeting of Philadelphia Merchants.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

At a large meeting of the merchants of this city, held at the Room of the Corn Exchange to-day resolutions were adopted presenting the name of JOHN W. FORNEY, as the candidate of Pennsylvania, for a position in the Cabinet in the event of a reconstruction. Delegations of Pennsylvanians have gone to Washington to urge the appointment of Col. FORNEY as Secretary of the Interior, in the event of Judge USHER'S going upon the bench, or as Secretary of the Navy, in case Secretary WELLES should accept the Embassy to France.

The Battle of Franklin—Steamers Captured and Recaptured.

LOUISVILLE, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

A special dispatch dated Nashville, Dec. 6, says the rebels lost at Franklin ten general officers, among whom were Gens. GOHAN and QUARLES, not previously reported. Gen. CHEATHAM escaped capture only by the fleetness of his horse.

The steamers *Prima Donna*, *Prairie State* and *Magnet*, captured yesterday on the Cumberland River, were recaptured to-day by the gunboat *Carondelet*.

From San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Dec. 2.

Heavy rains are falling again. Business is still interrupted. The prices of produce are falling. The stock of merchandise in warehouse, foreign and domestic, in the main, is very large. The receipts of bullion for the last ten days were over $1,700,000. Currency bills are selling for $1 10; telegraphic transfers, 4¼; commercial bills, 2½@3.

There have been no arrivals.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 3.

The mail steamer *Sacramento* sailed to-day for Panama, carrying a small number of passengers and $765,934 in gold. Of this, only $160,741 is for New-York. The remainder is for England and Panama.

The Burleigh Case.

TORONTO, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

BURLEIGH was again before the court to-day. Evidence was offered showing that he belonged to the Confederate service, which defence will be strongly urged by his counsel. His case was adjourned until to-morrow.

Sailing of the Asia.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The steamship *Asia* sailed, to-day, with 32 passengers for Liverpool and 16 for Halifax, taking out $2,200 in specie for the former place, and $5,000 for the latter.

The Public Debt.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Please correct a mistake occurring in the President's Message, as it appears in all the morning papers, and in the editorials of some.

The national debt, July 1, 1864, is stated at $1,740,000,690,489 49; which amount it would reach (at the rate of increase of the last four years,) in about 4,000 years. By striking out the word "thousand" before the word "millions," will leave the statement correct, according to the French system of notation, as appears by the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to wit, $1,740,690,489 49.

The misstatement is, very obviously, a mere accident on somebody's part; but those who have, with evil intentions, persistently placed the national debt twice and more what it actually is, ought not to be able to point to the message and to loyal editorials for authority for their perversions of facts. Yours, &c., ALBERT SMITH, No. 7 Beekman-street.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7, 1864.

THE REBELS IN CANADA.

More About the "Georgian"—A Gun-Carriage and Ammunition Seized.

From the Toronto Globe, Dec. 5.

Some time in the early portion of last week a number of men arrived at Collingwood by the Northern Railway, and took up their quarters at the "Railway Hotel." They remained there for a day or two, during which time they acted in a manner so peculiar as to excite the suspicions of the authorities. They could give no satisfactory account of why or for what purpose they were there, and not being engaged in any open business, considerable excitement and curiosity was occasioned as to who or what they were. The propeller *Georgian*, of which so much has already been said, was expected to arrive at Collingwood, and the only conclusion that could be arrived at was that these men were waiting for the purpose of joining her. They had in their possession very little height or luggage, and this consisted of one or two boxes which they seemed to protect and watch with more care and interest than if they contained simple articles of a legitimate and proper nature. These boxes were kept in the bed-rooms of some of the party, and were never without some one or two of the men near them—during meal times some of the party invariably remained in the rooms with the boxes, and kept a close watch that none of the servants around the house or other persons could have an opportunity of examining them. These circumstances being communicated to the authorities, it was decided to make an inquiry into the case. Accordingly on Wednesday last, the Custom-house officials at Collingwood seized the boxes, and on making an examination they were found to contain a gun-carriage, with canister, grape-shot, &c., for 18-pounder guns. These were at once taken possession of by the authorities, and are still in their hands.

The party of men shortly after left the place, and up to Saturday had not returned, and no information of their whereabouts had been received. The *Georgian* is hourly expected at Collingwood, and the suspicion is, the former circumstances connected with the vessel being taken into consideration, that these men were there awaiting her, and that the articles were for her use. Up to a late hour on Saturday night the *Georgian* had not arrived. We believe it is the intention of the authorities to search her and watch the movements of her crew closely as soon as she arrives.

The Georgian at Collingwood.

COLLINGWOOD, C. W., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The steamer *Georgian* arrived here this evening.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Capture of the Blockade-Runner Vixen—An Arrival from Port Royal—A Flag of Truce.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Dec. 5, 1864.

A blockade-runner, reported to be the *Vixen*, captured by the *Rhode Island*, off Wilmington, was towed into Hampton Roads to-day. She is a well-shaped craft, painted white, has two smoke-stacks, and is, altogether, a valuable prize. Both of her wheels are badly damaged, which fact would indicate that her captor gave her a raking fire.

The steamer *Gen. Lyon*, from Port Royal, arrived at Fortress Monroe at a late hour yesterday afternoon. Her Captain reports that it was circulated at Hilton Head on the day he left that information had been received establishing the advance of SHERMAN'S forces some distance east of Millen.

A force had been sent out by Gen. FOSTER to cooperate with SHERMAN.

It was expected that SHERMAN would touch the coast at Beaufort.

There is nothing of importance to communicate respecting the fleet in Hampton Roads.

The arrival of Col. MULFORD at this point is looked for daily.

A flag-of-truce train was recently dispatched to Suffolk, as a good number of persons were sent across the lines. WHIT.

Capture a Tug-Boat—Destruction of the Tug and a Schooner—Curious Proceedings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FORTRESS MONROE, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1864.

Intelligence reaches here this afternoon of the destruction of the tug-boat *Lizzie Freeman*, and a gunboat schooner on the James River, by rebels at an early hour this morning.

The pilot of the tug reports that his vessel having in tow an empty barge, left Fortress Monroe at about 7 o'clock last evening, and when off Day's Point, which is distant from Newport News six miles, he came to anchor in consequence of the prevailing fog and darkness. At about 11 A. M., the party on the tug were suddenly surprised by the appearance on the deck of twelve armed rebels who immediately took possession of the boat, and ordered all hands save the engineer and firemen, to take quarters on the barge, where they were ordered into the hold, and the hatches were closed upon them. The party thus confined consisted of eight, including the Captain and pilot of the tug, and Quartermaster SAWYELLE, who was proceeding up the river on business connected with his department. After remaining in the hold for a period of twenty minutes, the pilot ventured to force the hatch, when the party ascended to the deck, and, after making a cautious survey, and discovering that the rebels had fled, concluded it would be safe to compare notes, and make arrangements for getting back to the Fortress. They did not succeed, however, in leaving the barge till a late hour this morning. They were taken off by the steamer *Matilda*, which they hailed while on her passage down the river, and which conveyed them to Norfolk.

The party of twelve rebels were commanded by an officer wearing a Captain's straps. It seems that before boarding the tug, the rebels had seized a schooner laden with sutler's goods and forage, which was anchored off White Shoals, a point not far from Day's Point. After reveling on board the schooner for two hours, they left one man in charge, to guard the prisoners, numbering twelve, including some passengers who were on the way to City Point, while the others, as before-mentioned, struck out for the tug.

All the officers, crew and passengers, save the engineer and the firemen, were subsequently placed on board the barge.

At 3 o'clock, the schooner was discovered to be on fire. The vessel and everything on board, with the exception of a few articles that the rebels took away with them, was consumed.

This morning all that could be seen of the tug was her smokestack, which appeared above the water at a point not far from where the schooner was anchored last night. The engineer and fireman are expected to arrive here within a short time, as it is not thought that any prisoners were taken.

The rebel Captain said he and his men formerly belonged to the *Florida*, and they were determined to destroy a sufficient amount of property to pay for the destruction of that vessel.

When on board the tug, the rebels killed one colored soldier and wounded two others; also slightly wounded the mate. They were armed with pistols and bowie-knives. The Captain was heard to give an order to shoot the negroes, but spare the white men. The rebels robbed every one of all the valuables they possessed.

The following orders will be of interest to the public:

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, FLAG OF TRUCE LETTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA,
FORT MONROE, VA., Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1864.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING "FLAG OF TRUCE LETTERS," ESTABLISHED BY MAJ.-GEN. BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

1. No letter must exceed one page of a letter sheet, and must relate purely to domestic matters.

2. All letters, (including prisoners) must be sent with five cents postage inclosed, if to go to Richmond, and ten cents if beyond.

3. Every letter must be signed by the writer's name in full, and post-office address.

4. All letters must be inclosed to the Commanding General of the Department Virginia and North Carolina, Fortress Monroe, indorsed, ("via flag truce.")

5. No money will be forwarded, except to "prisoner's of war."

6. All letters sent to Fortress Monroe without a strict compliance with these rules, will be transmitted to the dead letter office.

Papers throughout the country are requested to copy these rules. WHIT.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Monday, Dec. 5.

The recently-captured blockade-runner *Vixen* arrived here yesterday afternoon from the blockading fleet off Wilmington. The *Vixen* was captured by the United States gunboat *Rhode Island*, while endeavoring to run into Wilmington. Her cargo is a very valuable one, consisting of medicines, rifles, ordnance stores, and blankets of superior English manufacture.

A Card.—THE METROPOLITAN BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM.—E. A. BROOKS, having, for the greater convenience of himself and customers, removed from his old store in Fulton-st., and concentrated his business at his old and commodious Broadway store, is now prepared to offer for the inspection of his patrons, the most beautiful assortment of Boots, Shoes, Gaiters and Slippers, to be found in this city. His stock of goods comprise every variety of styles for ladies, gents, misses, boys and children. The public are invited to call and examine at No. 575 Broadway, opposite the Metropolitan Hotel.

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NEW-YORK, Dec. 7, 1864.

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BATTIE—WHITTINGHAM.—On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Calvary Church, by Rev. Dr. Coxe, CHARLES M. BATTIE and ANNA M. WHITTINGHAM, both of this city.

CRISSEY—YOUNG.—On Thursday, Jan. 28, by Rev. A. Birkey, SYLVANUS D. CRISSEY and JENNIE YOUNG, both of this city.

☞ Sunday papers please copy.

WOODRUFF—HUNT.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Church of the Pilgrims, by Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., D. D., FRANKLIN WOODRUFF and Mrs. PHEBE J. HUNT, all of Brooklyn.

DIED.

ADAMSON.—At Croton Dam, on Wednesday, Dec. 7, Mrs. CATHARINE ADAMSON, wife of Daniel Adamson, Esq., aged 59 years.

Her remains will be taken to Dale Cemetery, Sing Sing, for interment. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, from her late residence, on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 10 A. M., without further notice.

ABEY.—On Tuesday, Dec. 6, after a short illness, J. EDWARD ABEY, aged 43 years and 5 months.

The friends of the family, the members of Atlantic Lodge No. 178, F. and A. M., and Company H, (8th,) 7th Regiment N. Y. N. G., are invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., from his late residence, No. 171 13th-st., near 7th-av.

BLIGH.—On Wednesday, Dec. 7, of disease of the heart, CAMPBELL, only son of John W. and Meta Bligh, aged 8 years and 4 months.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of his parents, No. 48 West 17th-st.

BRYAN.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 7, of bilious fever, ANNIE M. COLGAN, wife of William Bryan, aged 27 years.

Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper.

FENNY.—In Jersey City, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, MAGGIE, the youngest child of Dr. Joseph and Mary Fenny, aged 8 years and 6 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 76 Grand-st., Jersey City, this (Thursday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

CHASE.—At Derby Line, Vt., Hon. LUCIEN B. CHASE, aged 47 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation, from his late residence, No. 481 5th-av., on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

GRACIE.—Suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 5, ELIZABETH DAVIDSON, wife of Archibald Gracie, in the 58th year of her age.

The friends and relatives are invited to attend the funeral, from St. Thomas' Church, this day, (Thursday,) Dec. 8, at 3½ o'clock P. M.

GAYNOR.—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 6, MARY, widow of John Gaynor, in the 66th year of her age.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this Thursday morning, Dec. 8, at 10 o'clock, from the Third Universalist Church, Bleecker-st.

☞ Newburgh papers please copy.

GRAY.—On Wednesday, Dec. 7, MARY, wife of Abraham Gray, aged 54 years.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from No. 13 Beach-st., on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 1 P. M.

JENNINGS.—At Newburgh, on Wednesday, Dec. 7, LEWIS JENNINGS, Esq., in the 38th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Reformed Dutch Church, on Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

MATCOWICK.—On Friday, Nov. 25, at the residence of A. B. Powers, of Brooklyn, Mrs. ANTONIO MATCOWICK, aged 68 years.

OWEN.—Of chronic diarrhœa, OWEN EVAN OWEN, aged 75 years, born near Barmouth, Wales.

The friends of deceased and family are invited to attend the services, to be held on Friday next, between 12 and 1 P. M., at the Welsh Congregational Church, No. 33 East 11th-st., preparatory to his interment in Greenwood.

POST.—On Tuesday, Dec. 6, of typhoid fever, GERARDUS POST, aged 22 years, eldest son of William and Margaret Post.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, No. 16 East 23d-st., on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 1 o'clock.

PARSONS.—At Colchester, Conn., on Wednesday, Dec. 7, SARAH, wife of Ezekiel W. Parsons, M. D.

PINE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 7, ELIZABETH F., wife of James Pine, of Rye, N. Y.

Funeral from her late residence, on Friday, Dec. 9, at 10 o'clock A. M. Her remains will be taken to Westbrook, Conn., for interment.

RANNEY.—On Wednesday, Dec. 7, of typhus fever, Dr. MOSES H. RANNEY, Superintendent of New-York City Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island.

Notice of time and place of funeral services will be given in the evening papers of to-day.

☞ Vermont papers please copy.

VAN WINKLE.—In Bergen, N. J., on Tuesday, Dec. 6, JACOB D. VAN WINKLE, in the 77th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services, at his late residence, in Academy-st., Bergen, on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2 o'clock P. M.

VAN ANTWERP.—At Minneapolis, Minn., on Sunday, Nov. 27, MARY L. Lockwood, wife of N. Van Antwerp.

Funeral will take place from the Presbyterian Church in Newtown, L. I., on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 2 o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Cypress Hills for interment.

WAYNOUGH.—On Wednesday morning, Nov. 30, at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, at the residence of her son-in-law, M. Russell Thayer, Mrs. MARIA C. WAYNOUGH, aged 65 years.

WISWELL.—At Bergen, N. J., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6, MARY M., only daughter of W. J. Wiswell, aged 17 years, 1 month and 16 days.

Funeral this day, (Thursday,) at 2 o'clock.

☞ The members of Pyramid Lodge No. 490, F. and A. M., are hereby notified to attend a communication, to be held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, JOHN FALLACE. By order of the M.

THOMAS H. GOLDNEY, Secretary.

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ISAAC LABAGH, JAMES A. DEGRAUW,
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At the regular meeting of the board, held this day, JAMES H. FONDA was unanimously reelected President for the ensuing year.
F. CHANDLER, Cashier.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK,
Nov. 17, 1864.
I AM AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECRETARY of the Treasury, to anticipate the payment of the Coupons maturing on the first of January next on the Public Debt of the United States, and will be prepared to make such payment on and after the 18th inst. Blank schedules will be furnished upon application at the interest desk of this office.
The interest on the registered bonds cannot be paid until the books of the Treasury are settled and schedule prepared.
JOHN A. STEWART,
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OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL
RAILROAD COMPANY, ALBANY, Nov. 9, 1864.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this company, and for three Inspectors of the next election, will be held at the office of the company, in the Exchange, in the city of Albany, on the second WEDNESDAY (the 14th) of December next. The poll will be opened at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and will continue open for two hours thereafter. By order of the Board of Directors.
ROBERT L. BANKS, Secretary.

BANK DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, Dec. 6, 1864.
THE BANK OF COMMERCE, OF PUTnam County, (Carmel,) has this day filed, in this office, a notice of the appointment of MANUEL & COOKE, in the City of New-York, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, together with a revocation of the appointment of MANUEL & VAN DUZER, as such agent, agreeable to the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relating to Incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 17, 1851.
H. H. VAN DYCK, Superintendent.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY,
TREASURER'S OFFICE, ALBANY, Nov. 30, 1864.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed at the close of business on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of December next, preparatory to the annual election for Directors of the Company, appointed to be held on the 14th day of December next, and will be reopened on the morning of THURSDAY, the 15th day of December next.
JOHN V. L. PRUYN, Treasurer.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE agreement, the annual meeting of the owners of certificates issued by the Trustees of Creditors and Stockholders of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, (L. D.) will be held at the office of said Trustees, No. 28 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on WEDNESDAY the 14th of December, 1864, at 12 o'clock, noon.
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No. 3.—One-tenth interest in a lease on Blood Farm, on Oil Creek. One well down, now pumping from 10 to 15 barrels per day. Room for two more wells. Same interest in engine, derrick and fixtures.
No. 4.—A one-fourth interest in a lease on the Steel Farm, better known as the Widow McClintock Farm, lying on the creek, directly above and adjoining the celebrated Hammond Well, and lease. One well down, pumping 10 barrels per day, and another well down about 400 feet (new well.) This interest includes the one-eighth of all the oil, and the one-quarter of two engines, one air pump, together with tubing and fixtures for two wells, complete.
No. 5.—One-sixteenth working interest in a lease on Steel Farm, known and numbered on plot of said farm as Lot No. 23, and as Perry Well. This property has one well now down, with room for three more wells. The well now down has not been tested, but is thought to be a good well.
No. 6.—One-sixteenth interest in Lot No. 7, on Steel Farm, as per plot of said farm. This property has one well down, producing 15 barrels per day, with room for four more wells, together with one engine, tubing, sucker, rods, tanks, gas pipe for conducting gas from well to engine, and all the fixtures for continual operation.
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No. 8.—The one-fourth working interest in a lease on the Tarr Farm, with the one-fourth of engine, tubing, tanks, &c., necessary for operating. One well going down. This interest claims one-eighth of all the oil.
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No. 12.—A lease of five acres on Sugar Creek, Oakland Township, Venango County, Pennsylvania, and known as the David Reynold's lease, which lease extends for the term of 20 years from the 16th day of September, A. D. 1864. This lease is situated on the bottom lands of Sugar Creek, and without doubt will be in a short time valuable property, as there are a number of wells being bored in the immediate vicinity by Philadelphia companies. This lease carries three-quarters of all the oil.
No. 13.—A lease of eleven acres of land on Sugar Creek, all flat land, and known as the Arthamer Davison lease. This property is leased for forty years, giving the landholders one-seventh of the oil only. There are a number of wells now going down in the immediate vicinity of this farm, some of which have good shows of oil.
No. 14.—A lease of sixty acres of land, lying on a branch of Sugar Creek, below Cooperstown, leased for the term of forty years, lease drawing seven-eighths of all the oil. This lot of land is known by the name of the Wheeland Farm, situated very favorably on a branch of Sugar Creek, and by experienced oil men is considered valuable for oil territory.
No. 15.—Three-fourths of the working interest of half an acre on Cherry Run, on farm known as Hogg Farm, and is most favorably situated, being but a short distance above the celebrated Read Well, Yankee, Auburn and other good flowing wells, producer from 25 to 280 barrels each per day. The above interest carries with it three-quarters of the derrick, engine-house, engine, and all necessary fixtures for toperating. Well now going down. Room for three more wells on lease.
No. 16 is a lease of a piece or parcel of land situated in Franklin Township, Erie Country, Pennsylvania, it being the farm formerly known as the John L. Rhodes Farm, containing about 64 acres, more or less. This property is situated on Elk Creek; already a number of derricks are being erected in the vicinity; prospecting for oil now commenced. There were some three wells sunk in the township in 1860 to the depth of two hundred feet, with good show of oil, and now considered good oil territory. Lease is one-half of all the oil produced.
No. 17 is a leasehold of piece or parcel of land situated in Gudgenville, Girard Township, Erie County, State of Pennsylvania, and bounded by L. C. Kent, Cortecy and others, containing sixty-four (64) acres, more or less. This property is situated on a tributary of Elk Creek, and is considered good oil territory, in a deep gulf about one mile from the above named creek, carrying with it one-half of all the oil found. There are a number of oil springs in the immediate vicinity.
No. 18 comprises a leasehold of piece or parcel of land situated in Fairview Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, containing about ten (10) acres. This property is situated on Elk Creek, favorably located, and carries with it one-half of all the oil produced.
No. 19 is a leasehold of a piece or parcel of land situated in Girard Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, known as the Wilcox Farm, containing about one hundred and eighty acres. This property is located on Elk Creek, in the above township, embracing all the flat land lying between the bluffs on each side of the creek, for about one and one-half miles, on which there are good surface indications of oil in gas and oil springs. This lease carries one-half of all the oil.
No. 20 comprises a piece or parcel of land in Franklin Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, situated on a branch of Elk Creek, known as the Gulf, and part of the Howard Farm. This property carries with it one-half of all the oil produced, has one well, sunk in 1860 or 1861, to the depth of 250 feet, with a good show of oil. Oil can at at any time be collected from the well.
No. 21 is a leasehold, situated in Franklin Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. This lease contains forty-one acres, and is known as the Pettis Farm. This territory is located on a branch of Elk Creek, known as the Gulf, and is considered some of the best oil territory in the county. There is a celebrated oil spring but a short distance above it.
No. 22 is a leasehold of a farm situated in Franklin Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, known as the Howard Farm, on lot No. 59, as surveyed by H. J. Hedicooper, containing forty-five acres. This territory located on the branch of Elk Creek, known as the Gulf, embracing the land on both sides of the creek. There are wells going down in the vicinity. This lease claims the one-half of all the oil produced,
No. 23 is a leasehold of a piece or parcel of land situated in Fairview Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, containing five acres, being part of the John Struth Farm. This territory is located on Elk Creek, embracing the land on both sides of the creek, from bluff to bluff. The location is considered as one of the best on the creek. This lease claims one-half of all the oil.
No. 24 comprises a piece or parcel of land situated in Franklin Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, lying on Elk Creek, containing 29 acres of land, more or less; known as part of L. D. Allen's Farm. This property is favorably situated on the creek, and all flat land. There are surface oil indications in this tract; in the judgment of oil men will form good oil-producing territory. This lease carries with it one-half of all the oil produced.
Books for original subscription will be opened immediately and schedules of the properties on file at
R. H. WISHART & CO'S.
Petroleum Exchange,
No. 71 Broadway,
New-York.

H. J. MESSENGER,
BANKER,
NO. 139 BROADWAY,
Will receive subscriptions to the NEW 7-30 TREASURY NOTES, and 10-40 BONDS, and allow the usual commissions.
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OFFICE WELLS, FARGO & CO., No. 84 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Oct. 26, 1864.
TELEGRAPH TRANSFERS OF MONEY TO CALIFORNIA AND OREGON made, and Exchange on
SAN FRANCISCO,
LONDON,
DUBLIN and
PARIS.
For sale by
WELLS, FARGO & CO.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY,
No. 34 Wall-st., New-York.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AT the drawing this day made of twenty-five of the First Mortgage Bonds of the Company for redemption, the following Bonds numbered 80, 116, 141, 242, 298, 319, 400, 451, 464, 552, 606, 612, 748, 757, 765, 842, 857, 945, 990, 1097, 1168, 1217, 1314, 1372, 1383, were drawn by lot, and that the same will be paid in Gold, on presentation at the office of the Company on MONDAY, the 2d day of January next, the first day of the month being Sunday. The Bonds so drawn must be presented for payment within ten days of the 1st day of January next, under penalty of the forfeiture of the right of redemption under this drawing. By order of the Board.
DATED 5th Dec., 1864. W. TITUS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY,
No. 34 Wall-st., New-York.
Notice is hereby given, that the Coupons of the First Mortgage Bonds of the Company, falling due on the 1st day of January next, will be paid in Gold, on presentation at the office of the Company, on an after MONDAY, the 2d day of January next.
DATED 5th Dec., 1864. W. TITUS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF SHELDEN AND COLUMBIA COPPER CO.,
No. 23 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 29, 1864.
SALES OF FORFEITED STOCK.—THE following stock in the Sheldon and Columbia Copper Company is forfeited for non-payment of installment due Sept. 26, 1864, and that the same will be sold at public auction at the office of the Secretary of the company, No. 22 William-st., on the 31st day of December, at 3 o'clock P. M., unless previously redeemed, viz.: Certificate No. 33, name of W. H. Morton, 50 shares; No. 20, John Simpkins, 25 shares; No. 49, B. F. Woodward, 5 shares; No. 55, Herman Brahe, 25 shares; No. 72, James M. Shute, Jr., 50 shares; No. 77, John Richardson, 25 shares.
HENRY PHELPS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

HENRY A. HEISER & SON,
NO. 44 PINE ST.,
DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
BUY AND SELL
QUARTERMASTERS' CHECKS AND VOUCHERS,
5-20 BONDS,
1-YEAR CERTIFICATES,
7-30 LOAN, AND EVERY FORM OF U. S. SECURITIES.
We invite the attention of Banks and parties desiring short investments to our assortment of United States Six per Cent. Debt Certificates. We have them on hand due in every month of the year, at rates that pay better interest than any security in the market.

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In Venango, Erie, Warren and Crawford Counties, Penn.
In Wirt, Pleasants, Richie, Calhoun Counties, and on Hughes River, Burning Springs, West Virginia.
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HARWOOD & CO., No. 71 Broadway,
Empire Buildings, Room No. 64.

COMMISIONER FOR NEW-JERSEY and other States—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. first floor over Park Bank.

DIVIDENDS.

OCEANIC PETROLEUM COMPANY
DIVIDEND.
A Dividend of ONE PER CENT on the Capital Stock ($2,000,000) will be paid at the office of the Company, No. 134 Maiden-lane, on the 20th inst., from the earnings of the Company to the 1st December. The transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 20th inst.
WM. H. PHELPS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 3, 1864.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO.,
OFFICE NO. 13 SOUTH 4TH-ST.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1864.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The transfer books of this Company will be closed on THURSDAY, Dec. 15, and reopened on SUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1865.
A Dividend of 15 per cent., on the common and preferred stock, clear of National and State taxes, has been declared payable in common stock, on 31st Dec. next, on all stock standing on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 15th proximo.
Stockholders whose names are registered on the New-York books, will be paid at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 56 Wall-st.
S. BRADFORD,
Treasurer.

CAVALRY HORSES WANTED.
CAVALRY BUREAU, OFFICE OF ASST. QUARTERMASTER,
No. 18 State-st., NEW-YORK, July 27, 1864.
I will purchase in OPEN MARKET all the cavalry horses that may be presented and pass inspection at the Government stables, corner of 10th-av. and 35th-st., in this City, until further notice.
Payment will be made in checks, payable in certificates of indebtedness, when seven (7) or more horses are received. Price, one hundred and sixty-five ($165) each.
GEO. T. BROWNING,
Capt. and Asst. Quartermaster.

OFFICE OF "THE STOUT COAL CO.,"
Room No. 44 Trinity Building,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 1, 1864.
DIVIDEND.—AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTors of "THE STOUT COAL CO." held 22d ult., a dividend of Six Per Cent., (6 per cent.,) was declared, payable Dec. 15, out of the earnings of the three months ending Oct. 31. Transfer books will be closed on 10th inst,
THOS. H. STOUT, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THE DALZELL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared their Sixth Monthly Dividend of One Per Cent. of the Capital Stock, clear of State tax, payable at the office of the Company, Philadelphia Bank Buildings, Philadelphia, on and after the 15th inst.
G. E. FRYER, Secretary.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5, 1864.

THE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, of this city, have this day declared their eighth monthly Dividend of One per Cent. on their capital of $5,000,000, payable on the 15th inst., at their office, No. 10 Pine-st. The transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 16th inst. JAMES BISHOP, President.
EDWD W. CLARKE, Secretary.

AUCTION SALES.

A. H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & Co., Auctioneers—No. 5½ Pine-st.
AUCTION NOTICE.
Maps of the property at West Farms, belonging to the estate of Geo. S. Fox, to be sold at auction on Dec. 15, 1864, are ready for distribution.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
CHOICE OIL PAINTINGS OF THE HIGHEST CLASS.
HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER will sell at auction, on the EVENINGS of THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Dec. 8 and 9, at 7½ o'clock each evening,
At the old DUSSELDORF GALLERY, No. 548 Broadway, next door to Tiffany & Co.
Large sale of very choice OIL PAINTINGS of the highest class, being three entire private collections, with others just received from Europe, comprising works of

B. C. Koek	Koek, H. Savry,	B. B. Schaep,	
A. Cornet,	Leickert,	M. Koek Koek,	
Carabain,	Vander Waerden,	Vermeren,	
Merty,	David Col,	Van Hove,	
Louis Myer,	Terburg,	Hulks.	
Karsen,	Scheers,	Eckhout,	
Natscher,	Verschnur,	Oppenhoff,	
Lommens,	Cesnturier,	N. Pinazzi,	
Gia Comueci,	Peluso,	Saitelli,	
Di Criscito,	Alfano,	Pappaceno,	
Vertunni.	De Nigris,	Discanoo,	
Matini,	De Gregori,	Hartagno,	
Bencelari,	Petrucelli,	Sacilano,	
Russo,	Filippo Polferi,	Mich Cammarano,	
Del Rye,	Toma,	Mancini.	
A. F. Tait.	James Hart,	David Johnson.	

Wm. M. Brown.
They will be on exhibition on and after FRIDAY, Dec. 2, and two evenings previous to the sale, from 7 to 10 o'clock each evening.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY, Auctioneer.
STOCKS AND BONDS FOR INVESTMENT.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO. will hold their regular auction sale of securities THIS DAY, (Thursday,) Dec. 8, at 12½ o'clock, at the Stock Salesrooms, No. 52 William-st. The list will embrace a variety of first-class stocks and bonds, including Gebhard, Indemnity, Brevoort, Corn Exchange, International, Jefferson, Security, Goodhue, Knickerbocker and Kings County Fire Insurance Companies Stocks; British American Coal and U. S. Telegraph Stocks; Mechanics' Bank, of Brooklyn; Grand and 42d-st. Dry Dock, and Battery, Broadway and 7th-av, Raritan and Delaware Bay, and New-York and New-Haven Railroad Stocks; Kings County, New-York County, Cincinnati and Chicago Air-Line Railroad, U. S. 7 3-10 Treasury Notes and New-York and New-Haven Railroad Bonds, &c., &c.
Regular Stock Sales MONDAYS and THURSDAYS.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO.,
Auctioneers and Stock Brokers.

T. R. MINTURN, Auctioneer.
UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE OF COTTON.
MONDAY, Dec. 12, 1864, at 12 o'clock, at Francis E. Pinto's warehouse, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, by order of ROBERT MURRAY, Esq., United States Marshal,
TWENTY-NINE BALES OF COTTON.

OIL LANDS FOR SALE AT AUCTION.—JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., No. 36 Pine-st., will offer for sale at auction, to close an estate, on THURSDAY, Dec. 8, 1864, at 12½ o'clock, at Merchants' Exchange salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, N. Y., two tracts of land finely timbered, with red and white oak, consisting of 225 acres, situated on Stewart's Run, Alleghany township, Venango County, Penn., known as lots 210 and 220, 7 miles from Titusville, 6 from Plumersville, 4 from Tionesta. One tract of 135 acres has the stream running through it, and every indication of oil which has been found on the stream a short distance from it. The other tract in sight and within one mile of it.

EDWARD SCHENCK, Auctioneer.
CENTERL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
By EDWARD SCHENCK, THIS DAY, 8th inst., at 10½ o'clock, at No. 321 West 12th-st., all the Furniture contained in the house, consisting in part of elegant rosewood piano-forte, rosewood and mahogany parlor furniture, Brussels, ingrain and three-ply carpets, rosewood and mahogany chamber furniture, mattresses, palliasses, crockery and glassware. Also the kitchen utensils, with which the sale will commence.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom 37 Nassau-st. opposite the Post-Office.
MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL at auction, on FRIDAY, Dec. 9, at 11 o'clock, at their salesroom, a large collection of ancient and modern oil-paintings, most of which are from a private collection. Also, a number recently received from Europe. The collection comprises landscapes, figures, fruits and house-pieces, marines, &c., &c., many of which are original, and will be sold without reserve.
The above are now on exhibition.

HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER, Auctioneers.
LARGE SALE OF WINES, BRANDIES, Liquors, champagnes, cordials, &c., being the entire stock of the old established house of Abraham M. Bininger & Co., No. 378 Broadway, who retire from the business. The sale will commence on MONDAY, Dec. 12, at 10½ o'clock, and continue daily until the whole stock is disposed of; sold under guarantee as to quality and positively without reserve.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.
FRIDAY, DEC. 9, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M., at the Central Salesrooms, Willoughby corner Pearl-st., Brooklyn, rosewood pianos, 6 pier glasses, parlor, chamber, and dining-room furniture, mattresses, feather beds, carpets, stoves, gas fixtures, sewing-machines, &c., &c.

FOR SALE.

OIL WELLS AND OIL LANDS,
For sale by S. COCKCROFT,
No. 166 Broadway.

COUNTRY SEATS FOR SALE AT MORRISTOWN, N. J.
One with 200 acres, an elegant place.
One with 18 acres, fine house.
One with 20 acres, good house.
One with 3¾ acres, large house.
One with 2 acres, new house.
One with 9 acres, large house.
All the above places have an abundance of fruit and shade, and some of them water and gas.
S. EDDY, No. 8 Pine-st.

FOR SALE.—PARTIES IN SEARCH OF GOOD productive farms in Somerset County, the garden of New-Jersey, will read the following from the Somerset *Unionist*: "Mr. Jaques is well and favorably known in this section of the country, having been a resident here, and he not only has unusual facilities for selling, but he is well qualified to judge the value of farms in Somerset County." Beautiful farm, 83 acres, on Raritan River; 90 acres near Middlebush; 111 and 150 near Millstone; 152 near Peapuck; 100, 189, 70 near Somerville; 70, 44 near Boundbrook, and many others; 60 acres near Rahway; two splendid farms near Rhinebeck, no better in the State. Farms wanted.
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FOR SALE—A FARM OF THIRTY-FIVE ACRES, in Queens County, Long Island, about 15 miles from New-York, on the Long Island Railroad; a new house and barn on the premises. The farm is in good working order; soil loamy and free from stone; terms easy. For further particulars inquire of RICHARD D. ALLIGER, Lenox Fire Insurance Co., No. 16 Wall-st., N. Y.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE FOR SALE—With rear two-story house, wing attached (all filled in with brick), barn, &c.; good water, plenty of fruit, 1¼ acres of land; 10 minutes' walk from two railroads to the city. Also, a new two-story house and barn, with about five lots of ground, about 3½ miles from the city. Will be sold, or exchanged for a farm near the city. Apply to JOHN KOLVER, Newtown, L. I.

FOR SALE—ONE OR SIX FIRST-CLASS PHILADELPHIA brick houses, three-stories basement, and cellar; gas, water, Beebe range, &c., on 125th-st., between 2d and 3d ave. Possession at once. Will exchange for Rynd Farm Oil Stock. S. EDDY, No. 8 Pine-st., or J. C. SAUNDERS, No. 13 Chambers-st.

FOR SALE—IN BROOKLYN, ON THE HEIGHTS, a good three story, high-stoop, brick house, 25 feet wide, with a vacant lot on one side, suitable for a stable. This is a good opportunity for any gentleman wishing to have a genteel residence, with stable, for a low price. Price, $14,000. Terms easy. Apply to
HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES AND farms, a great variety, beautifully situated, one hour from New-York, for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season or year, by HENRY B. BLACKWELL, No. 59 William-st., New-York, 9 to 11 A. M.; No. 49 Main-st., Orange, 1 to 5 P. M.

FURNISHED BROWN-STONE HOUSE FOR SALE.—Four-story, English basement, all modern improvements, in splendid order; the neighborhood very fine; fully and handsomely furnished, from top to bottom. Price $16,000. Address A. WHITEHEAD, Box No. 419 Post-office.

FOR SALE—TWELVE LOTS IN 74TH-ST., NEAR the 8th-av., having a fine view of the Central Park; will be sold low if applied for immediately. Apply to MULLER, WILKINS & Co., Auctioneers, No. 5½ Pine-st.

FOR SALE—MODERN HOUSES, FROM $8,000 $21,000; two country seats, Hudson River, cannot be excelled for scenery.
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FACTORY AT NEWARK, N. J.—FOR SALE, large brick building, with engine and boiler, in fine order, near Market and Broad sts. Apply to PARSONS & WARD, No. 81 Cedar-st.

FACTORY FOR SALE—IN NEWARK, NEW-Jersey; suitable for manufacturing purposes; central and well lighted. Apply to A. H. BROWN, No. 317 Broad-st., Newark, N. J.

FOR EXCHANGE—THE VALUABLE STORE property, No. 12 Bowery, for a first-class dwelling up town and furniture, if furnished, Address Box No. 3,508 Post-office.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY brown-stone house in 38th-st., a few doors from 5th-av., completely furnished, with immediate possession. Price $45,000. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, 2 Pine-st.

EIGHTH-AV. LOTS.—PLOTS OF LOTS ON 8th-av. for sale. Apply to JOHN McCLAVE, No. 44 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—A FURNISHED HOUSE, 20x50, on West 45th-st., between 6th and 6th ave. Apply to COR. R. DISOSWAY, No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No 8. No commissions allowed.

CORNWALL.—FOR SALE, SEVERAL BEAUtiful places with from one to thirty acres. Inquire of JAMES G. ROE, Cornwall, N. Y.

TO LET.

TO RENT,
FOR BALLS, CONCERTS, LECTURES, FAIRS, MEETINGS, &c., &c.,
THE ELEGANT LARGE HALL,
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The above, most centrally situated, has just been completed and handsomely fitted up, making the most desirable public hall in the city.
Apply to E. D. LAWRENCE,
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TO LEASE—THE LARGE FIRST-CLASS STONE-front house, No. 32 East 17th-st., fronting Union-square; the building is 44 feet by 85, substantially built and elegantly decorated, and is suitable for a first-class restaurant or club-house. Apply to W. W. DE FOREST & CO., No. 82 South-st.

TO RENT—FURNISHED—A NEW FIRST-CLASS 4-story brown-stone house, 17 feet wide, in perfect order, elegantly furnished, on Murray Hill, to a small private family without children, to rent for one year. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS.—A small farm with cottage-house and barn-house, on the East River, ten miles from the city. Rent only $500 and repairs, a year. Apply to
E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

TO LET—TWO LOFTS, TOGETHER WITH eight-horse engine in building, No. 125 av. D. Inquire of A MILLS.

TWO ROOMS TO LET—TO A GENTLEMAN and wife, on the second floor of house No. 203 East 23d-st.; rent $25 a month, including gas.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED

WANTED TO RENT—A PART OF A HOUSE, or four or five rooms, in a respectable part of the city—east side preferred. Family of three, two

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BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

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FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$132 50
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Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced Surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or Valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
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NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

Ships.	From	Commander.
QUEEN—building	3,612	.....
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VIRGINIA	2,876	Lewis.
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Leaving Pier No. 47, North River, as follows:
VIRGINIA—Lewis.....Saturday, Dec. 10.
AND EVERY ALTERNATE SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

The Cabin accommodations on board these steamers are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.
Cabin passage, $125 in currency: Steerage, $45 in currency.
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For freight or cabin passage apply to
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THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW LINE OF FIRST-CLASS SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE.

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Until the completion of the entire list, the service will be performed by the
WASHINGTON, A. DUCHESNE;
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FROM NEW-YORK TO HAVRE.

WASHINGTON.....WEDNESDAY.....Dec. 7.
LAFAYETTE.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan.
First Cabin, (including table wine).....$135
Second Cabin, (including table wine).....$70 or $80
Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Medical attendance free of charge.
For freight or passage, apply to
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NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
Line of Side-Wheel Steamers to
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Will sail as follows:

EVENING STAR.....Bell.....Saturday, Dec. 10.
GUIDING STAR.....Knapp.....Saturday, Dec. 17.
MORNING STAR.....Nelson.....Saturday, Dec. 24.
EVENING STAR.....Bell.....Saturday, Jan. 7.
GUIDING STAR.....Knapp.....Saturday, Jan. 14.
MORNING STAR.....Nelson.....Saturday, Jan. 21.
DAY STAR.....(Building.)

At 3 o'clock, P. M.,
From Pier 46 North River, 3d Pier above Canal-st., N. Y.
PASSAGE—Chief cabin state rooms, $75 to $100, according to location of stateroom. Second cabin, $50.
The *Morning Star* is 2,048 tons, the *Evening Star* 2,015, the *Guiding Star* 2,416, the *Day Star* 2,778, custom-house measurement. Their passenger accommodations are not excelled by those upon any other steamers.
No Freight received or Bills of Lading signed after 12 o'clock on day of sailing. For Freight or Passage apply to
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The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer "CORSICA," Capt. LE MESURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's wharf, at Jersey City, on MONDAY, Dec. 5, MONDAY, Jan. 2.

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8:30 A. M.—Milk, daily, for Otisville.
10:00 A. M.—Mail for Buffalo.
4:00 P. M.—Way, for Port Jervis and Newburgh.
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6:00 P. M.—Lightning Express, daily, for Dunkirk Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and for Cleveland, via A. and G. W. Railway.
8:00 P. M.—Kinkirant.
CHARLES MINOT, General Superintendent.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT.—Leave New-York, James-slip and 34th-st., East River, at 9 A. M. Mail Train for Greenport, Sag Harbor, &c.; and on Saturdays, at 3 P. M., Express Train for Greenport, stopping at stations east of Hicksville. For Farmingdale, Deer Park, Islip, Lakeland, Waverley and Yaphank at 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. For Syosset at 10.30 A. M. and 4 P. M. (Stages connect for Cold Spring, Oyster Bay and Huntington.) For Whitfield, Jamaica, Hempstead, &c., at 9, 10:30 A. M. 3, 4 and 5 P. M.
Sunday train leaves 34th-st., East River, at 9:15 A. M., for Yaphank, stopping at all stations. (except Hempstead and Syosset.) Excursion tickets sold for this train.
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HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—ON AND after MONDAY, Dec. 5, trains leave 30th-st. station for Albany and Troy, and places North and West, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M., 3:40, 6, and 10:30 P. M. Sleeping cars attached to the 6 and 10:30 P. M. trains from 30th-st. All trains leave Chambers-st. 30 minutes earlier than 30th-st. Sunday train, 6 P. M. from 30th-st. Through freight train daily. J. M. TOUCEY, Ass't Sup't.

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NORTHERN R. R. OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 9:15 A. M., 12:15 P. M., 4:22 P. M., and 6:05 P. M. The 9:15 A. M. and 4:22 P. M., run to Monsey.
THOS. W. DEMAREST, Sup't.
Nov. 1, 1864.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.—PURSUANT TO AN ACT PASSED BY the Legislature of the State of New-York, entitled an act to authorize the formation of a Corporation in place of the Northern Railroad Company, dissolved, and to empower said Corporation to execute a mortgage upon its property, passed March 31, 1857, as revised and amended by the act for that purpose, passed April 8, 1864, and in an order of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, made pursuant thereto: Notice is hereby given to William A. Wheeler, John S. Eldredge and William C. Brown, Trustees for the holders of the Second Mortgage bonds of the Northern Railroad Company; George A. Kittell, Francis B. Crowninshield and William C. Brown, Trustees for the holders of the First Mortgage bonds of the Northern Railroad Company, Calvin H. Gibbs, Executor of James G. Hopkins deceased, Mary J. Brown, Administratrix of Anthony C. Brown, deceased; Joseph H. Clark, William Thomas, J. A. Burnham, Israel Whitney, H. Hollis Hunnewell; The Hope Insurance Company, the United States Insurance Company, the New England Mutual Marine Insurance Company; J. J. Abbott, Otis Daniel, Richard Olney, Peter Butler, the Northern Railroad Company of New Hampshire, George B. Sampson, Lewis W. Tappan, John S. Misserton, the Northern Railroad Company, and all other persons, if any there be, who have been made parties heretofore to any decree made by the Supreme Court, in respect to either of the mortgages heretofore executed by the Northern Railroad Company, that application will be made to the Supreme Court aforesaid, at a General Term thereof, to be held at the court-house in the City of Schenectady, on the first Tuesday in January next, at the opening of the court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order that the Trustees in possession of the said Northern Railroad, William A. Wheeler, John S. Eldredge and William C. Brown, transfer the same and its appurtenances to the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain Railroad Company, and that the petition for said order in this matter is on file in the office of the Clerk of the County of St. Lawrence, where any party interested can procure a copy thereof,
CHARLES G. MYERS,
Attorney for Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain Railroad Company.
DATED Nov. 21, 1864.

SUPREME COURT—STEUBEN COUNTY.—SAMUEL F. CURTIS against ANN E. HALLETT, Ellen Hallett, Margaret K. Hallett, Robert L. Hallett, S. Irving Hallett, Marcellus Rassey, Joseph Pettit, Jr., Stephen K. Rathborne, Receiver of the Bank of the Republic, Amos Robins, Eli Robbins, David C. Hartshorne, The President, Directors and Company of the Seneca County Bank, Bartholomew Skaats, The Bridgeport City Bank, David O. Bradley, Thomas S. Beals, Executor of &c. of Thomas Beals, deceased, Addison G. Jerome, William C. Burdick, Constant Cook, William H. Hutchins, Elias Fritz, John Cochrane, Attorney-General of the State of New-York, S. Josephine McDowell, Charles B. Curtis, Alfred W. Davidson, The President, Directors and Company of the Agawam Bank, The Nautilus Pearl Fishing Company.—[United States Internal Revenue Stamp 50 cents, and cancelled.] To the above named Defendants and each of them: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint of Samuel F. Curtis, plaintiff, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Steuben County, State of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer on the subscriber at Bath, in said County, within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
W. B. RUGGLES,
Plaintiff's Attorney, Bath, N. Y.
The complaint in the above entitled action was filed in Steuben County Clerk's Office, Oct. 14, 1864.
W. B. RUGGLES, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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EDWIN BOOTH AS HAMLET.

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The scenery, music, costumes, properties and machinery are entirely new, and to give a perfect completeness to the cast, engagements have been made with MRS. J. W. WALLACK, Jr., one of the most gifted actresses who ever graced the stage; MR. EDWIN VARREY, C. KEMBLE MASON, the eminent comedian, THOMAS PLACIDE, who appear nightly in conjunction with Mrs. F. S. Chanfrau, Chester, Messrs. G. H. Andrews, C. Walcot, J. G. Hanley, E. Eberle, C. W. Chester, O. S. Fawcett, Duell, Burroughs, Burgess, &c. Doors open at 6¾. Commence at 7¾, precisely.

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MEETINGS.

CAPTAIN WINSLOW, OF THE KEARSARGE, AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
The N. Y. Port Society will hold a meeting at the Academy of Music, Saturday evening, December 10, at 7½ o'clock, on which occasion Capt. Winslow has consented to be present and is expected to address the audience.
The meeting will also be addressed by the Rev. Drs. Hill Scudder, T. L. Cuyler, R. R. Booth, Rev. Chas. J. Jones, Rev. E. D. Murphy, and others.
Tickets of admission, 50 cents each, may be procured of A. D. F. Randolph, No. 770 Broadway, Messrs. Robert Carter & Bro., No. 530 Broadway, Mr. Nathan Lane, No. 69 Wall-st., and at the Academy of Music, on the 10th inst.

NINETEENTH WARD CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of this Association will be held on THURSDAY, Dec. 8, at 7½ P. M., at Livingston Hall, corner of 52d-st. and 3d-av.
WM. R. WEBB, President.
LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Secretary.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

THE NEW CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, Madison-av. and 35th-st., will be opened for divine service, sermon and the holy communion on SUNDAY MORNING next, the 11th inst., at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING of the same day, divine service and sermon to commence at 7½ o'clock.

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To commence with (6th time) Mrs. Inchbald's attractive three-act comedy of
TO MARRY OR NOT TO MARRY,
revised and adapted to the present stage by Mr. Lester Wallack.
Hester, Miss MADELINE HENRIQUES, in consequence of the indisposition of Miss MARY GANNON.
To conclude with Buckstone's laughable piece
RURAL FELICITY.
FRIDAY—143d night of Mr. Lester Wallack's great play, ROSEDALE.
SATURDAY—MASKS AND FACES.
Mr. Boucicault's new comedy, which has been some time in preparation, will be produced on MONDAY, Dec. 12, with entirely new scenery, dresses, furniture, and appointments. It is entitled
HOW SHE LOVES HIM,
and will be given with a
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Doors open at 7½ o'clock; overture at 7¾ o'clock.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—ITALIAN OPERA.
Director.....MAX MARETZEK.
TO-MORROW NIGHT, DON SEBASTIAN.
TO-MORROW (Friday) EVENING, Dec. 9, at 8, (Sixteenth Subscription Night,)
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GIOVANNI (Grand Inquisitor).....SUSINI
ABADALOS (an Arab Chief).....LORINI
Conductor.....Mr. CARL BERGMANN
The Incidental Ballet will be executed by MLLE. ERNESTINE and MLLE. AURIOL.
ON SATURDAY NEXT—GRAND MATINEE.
THE CHILD OF THE REGIMENT
In active rehearsal, and will be shortly produced,
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NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Doors open at 7; Curtain rises at 7½ o'clock.
Lessee and Manager.....WM. WHEATLEY.
THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1864,
FOURTH APPEARANCE THIS SEASON OF
THE GREAT COMEDIANS,
and original impersonators of
IRISH AND YANKEE LIFE.
MR. AND MRS. BARNEY WILLIAMS,
who will appear in charles Gaylor's very successful Irish drama, entitled
THE CONNIE SOOGAH,
produced with all its
ORIGINAL SPLENDOR AND COMPLETENESS.
MR. BARNEY WILLIAMS,
as "Corney McGrath" and the "Connie Soogah," with the songs of "Ellen Astore" and "Welcome All."
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Miss Freeman, Mary Wells, Andrews, Reeves, Messrs. J. G. Burnett, J. W. Collier, J. Nunan, George Becks, E. B. Holmes, H. Danvers, J. W. Blaisdell, E. Barry, &c., &c.
SEATS SECURED SIX DAYS IN ADVANCE.

BROADWAY THEATRE. BEGINS AT 7½
MR. JOHN E. OWENS,
whose brilliant personations of
SOLON SHINGLE, JOSHUA BUTTERBY,
HENRY DAVIS and DR. OLLAPOD,
have, within the past fourteen weeks of his memorable engagement been so many successive triumphs, will present for the first time here, on
MONDAY, Dec. 5, AND DURING THE WEEK,
Buckstone's delightful two act Comedy, from the French,
THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE.
Mr. Gillman.....Mr. JOHN E. OWENS
85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th and
☞ 90th night ☜
of glorious old
SOLON SHINGLE.....in.....PEOPLE'S LAWYER
SPECIAL NOTICE.—For the convenience of city and suburban patrons, the performances, as now arranged, will close by 10¾ o'clock.
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HIPPOTHEATRON. BEGINS AT 7½
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS AND EVERY EVENING,
GRAND MATINEE ON SALURDAY.
MR. HENRY COOK'S MR. HENRY COOK'S
DOG AND MONKEY ACTORS.
MISS EMMA STICKNEY.
MLLE. MARIETTA ZANFRETTA.
GRAND CHINESE ENTREE.
LE PETITE GIORGA.
THE CLOWN'S CAVALRY.
The Great Horseback-Juggler, N. AUSTIN.
YOUNG STICKNEY. YOUNG STICKNEY.
New pantomime by the French company of
RAVEL PANTOMIMISTS.
ALL THE GREAT STAR ARTISTS.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
GRAND ITALIAN OPERA.
Director.....MAX MARETZEK.
THIS THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 8, at 8,
POSITIVELY FOR THE LAST TIME,
FAUST, FAUST, FAUST,
with its new and brilliant costumes and scenery, increased chorus, orchestra and military band, and the very complete cast.
The sale of secured seats commences THIS MORNING in Brooklyn, at the Academy of Music, and in New-York at Root & Anthony's, corner of Nassau and Pine sts.

THEATRE FRANCAIS,
NIBLO'S SALOON.
Every TUESDAY and SATURDAY, at 8 o'clock.
SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 1864.
LA JOIE DE LA MAISON.
(Original of the Little Treasure.)
Comedy, in

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.

The report of the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance opens with a statement of the increase in the numbers of guns for the navy during the year ending Nov. 1, 1864. The work of fabricating cannon has steadily progressed during this period of time, and 1,522 guns of the different calibre were added to the grand total. Few guns have been surrendered or abandoned to the enemy; nearly all the losses have been by the inevitable accidents of battle, as in the case of the *Tecumseh* and *Commodore Jones*. In the grand total should be added seven 10-inch solid-shot guns, and three 13-inch Dahlgren guns. There are in process of fabrication a new class of 32-pounders and 8-inch smooth-bore guns, for the broadsides of light vessels. In regard to the composition of batteries, the general rule in arming our ships of war has been to place on board of them the very heaviest and most effective guns they can bear with safety. Nine-inch guns are generally used for broadside; 10-inch and 11-inch and the Parrott guns in pivot, the 15-inch for the monitor turrets, and the bronze howitzers and rifles for boat and deck service in shore. The efficiency of combining heavy pivot guns with broadside guns has been fully established. Whether a battery consisting entirely of heavy pivot guns would be more formidable than one of broadside alone, the aggregate weights being equal, has not yet been tried, the only effort of the kind being that of the *Niagara*, which has a battery of twelve 150-pounder rifles mounted in pivot, and no regular broadside guns. The decisive power of the heavy gun in pivot was strikingly exemplified in the fight between the *Kearsarge* and the *Alabama*.

The number of foundries engaged in the fabrication of cannon for the navy has been reduced by the withdrawal of the Portland Company from their contract. The constant demands of the navy during the year for ordnance have been promptly met. Three foundries have now completed all the arrangements necessary for the process of hollow casting, and have contracts for the 15-inch gun. No difficulty whatever is anticipated in the fabrication of these very large cannon; for the irons now used by the respective foundries are known to be of the very best quality for the purpose. The primary and most important element being thus assured, the remainder of the task is entirely within the mechanical ability of the founders, and it is no idle boast that the cannon of the United States Navy, made exclusively from American irons, are unsurpassed by those of any other nation; and this will continue to be the case so long as the enterprise of our citizens is left untrammeled, and full opportunities are afforded for the exercise of their skill in this most important art. The cast-iron banded rifles of Mr. PARROTT, made at West Point Foundry, are still the only kind used in the navy, except the bronze 12-pounders and 20 pounders of Rear-Admiral DAHLGREN. Since November of last year there have been added to the stock of these rifles on hand at the depots and in service 385 of the different calibres, including twenty new 60-pounders, making a total at present available of 1,805 guns, after deducting twenty-three lost or disabled by the accidents of battle. Of these thus lost or disabled, six gave way at the breech, four were broken by the explosion of shells near the muzzle, three were cracked in the body, two were condemned for excessive enlargement of vent, seven were lost by wreck, and three captured by the rebels. The percentage of loss by rupture and enlargement is therefore very small.

During the past year, experiments have been quietly and systematically made with both shells and shot, from smooth bores and rifles, of all the heavier calibres. The power of the guns belonging to the navy, and in common use in the batteries of our ships, have been fairly tested against both solid and built-up plates, and the conclusion reached is wholly in favor of the guns and their solid projectiles—the spherical shot for smooth bores being, however, immeasurably superior to the elongated rifle shot in every form. No manner or thickness of iron or steel armor that could be carried on the hulls of sea-going ships will resist the impact of solid spherical shot fired from the heaviest calibres of the navy, at close range, with appropriate charges of cannon powder. It was generally accepted as an established fact that it was impossible to cast a spherical shot of large diameter which would be *solid* throughout. It is now known, however, that it is easy to cast a XV-inch or 20-inch shot which will be perfectly sound and solid from circumference to center of figure, and one of the former has resisted, without breaking, 222 continuous blows of an eight ton steam hammer.

During the present year it has been necessary, for service and experimental practice, to purchase and manufacture 1,325,000 pounds of powder, and 575 tons of nitre. The chief of the bureau recommends that Congress be requested to make more special provision for the encouragement of the production of nitre, for a supply of which we are in a great measure dependent upon foreign countries. He also calls attention to the results said to have been recently obtained in Europe with gun cotton prepared in a peculiar manner. The bureau is ready to make a trial of its projectiles, as compared with gunpowder, whenever the samples ordered are received.

No part of the ordnance equipment of our navy has been so little changed from the old designs as the ordinary wooden broadside carriage. In all its essential features it is the same to-day as in the year 1750. The only modifications consist in the removal of the rear trucks, and substituting a vertical friction-piece on the brackets, to resist the movement of recoil; and the appliance of a breast-sweep, as a pivot in lateral training. The material is objectionable on account of its inevitable decay, liability to warp and shrink, and the disabling effects of its flying splinters when struck by shot or shells. Last year the attention of the Navy Department was called to the subject of *iron* carriages, and to the results obtained with those of the *New Ironsides*. Since then, a broadside carriage of iron has been constructed and subjected to the proof firing at the Washington Ordnance yard, and the experiment shows that for all practical purposes, and especially on the score of economy, carriages made of iron can be safely introduced. The Bureau of Ordnance has accordingly ordered the construction of fifty 9-inch carriages, and also a sufficient number to mount the improved class of 8-inch and 32-pounder guns. During the recent naval [illegible] in Mobile Bay, a chock, designed by Capt. ALDEN, to assist in checking the recoil of the 9-inch guns under the action of heavy charges, was tried on board the *Brooklyn*, and has been recommended for general use. The pivot carriages, as at present arranged, seem to meet fully the requirements; the recoil of the guns is easily controlled by the compressors, while the movement in training is steady and readily performed. Wood for these carriages is also quite as objectionable as for those of broadside, and the bureau contemplates changing them for iron ones upon the plan of those on board the *Ironsides*, with, however, some important modifications, especially in the manner of compressing. The detail of manufacture in the broadside carriage is quite simple, and not more expensive when made of iron than of wood. But in the pivot carriage, the difference in cost is somewhat in favor of wood, and the exorbitant price of iron has hitherto prevented the Bureau from making the necessary purchases; while the stock of timber on hand for these carriages is large, and cannot be economically used for other purposes, as it is all cut to dimensions. The iron carriages of the monitors still continue to work satisfactorily, and are no doubt strong enough to sustain any amount of protracted firing.

In respect to small arms for the navy, the Bureau has instituted diligent inquiries for the purpose of obtaining an arm which would combine the several qualities of range, accuracy and sufficient weight of ball, together with endurance, simplicity in use, and perfect adaptability to the varied circumstances under which it would be most likely to be brought into action. The difficulty in making a good selection has not been found in the paucity of models, for these have been presented in almost every conceivable form that the ingenuity of inventors could design, each claiming certain extraordinary qualities for his plan over all others. Between muzzle-loading and breech-loading muskets, the advantages are held to be with the latter, the chief points of advantage being: 1st, facility of loading; 2d, Certainty and rapidity of fire; 3d, lightness, and consequently less weight to be carried in marching; 4th, impossibility of multiplying the loads under any circumstances.

The establishment and maintenance of a thoroughly organized gunnery-ship, for the training of officers and men in all the details of gunnery, is earnestly recommended by the Bureau.

The Chief of the Bureau strongly urges the removal of our large magazines of powder and deposits of nitre to more secluded localities, where an explosion would be attended with as little damage as possible. He also states that owing to the great increase of ordnance work, and the accumulation of material at the New-York Navy-yard, more room is needed. To meet this requirement the Bureau has commenced the filling up of the unoccupied marsh adjacent to the cob-dock, which, when completed, will afford ample accommodations, as well as furnish a park for two thousand cannon, with all appliances for fitting them for service.

Gen. Sherman's Guide.

Gen. SHERMAN has with him in his Georgia campaign one of the best and most reliable scouts or guides in the Southwest—an old man, a native Georgian, and a wealthy planter and slaveholder at that. It would not be proper, of course, to mention his name, but he is well known to all who were in the habit of visiting headquarters a year ago. When the war broke out he denounced the Southern leaders, and in consequence of his Union sentiments was compelled to leave his home near Macon, between two days. His neighbors missed him, and suspecting, rightly, that he had gone off to join the Yankees, they followed him so closely that he was obliged to hide in the mountains in the northern part of his State for several weeks.

They have since organized all kinds of raids for no other purpose than to catch this one man. After being in the service some time, he volunteered his services to Gen. BUELL, but that officer didn't need much Southern "guidance." Next he received a position as volunteer aid to Gen. ROSECRANS, to whom he was of great service in the campaign terminating at Chattanooga. He has been with Gen. SHERMAN since last June. There is not a highway or byway in the interior of with which he is unacquainted, and scarcely a town or village in which he is not known.

He used to say that with a brigade of cavalry he could find cotton and niggers enough within a hundred miles of Atlanta to liquidate the national debt. He is one of the few rich men of the South who have remained faithful to the Union cause when they knew that to do so was to lose their property, their homes and their comfort. On his present trip he carries with him a black list of those who took pleasure in persecuting him four years ago. He thinks he will make it more than even with them before he gets through.

A GREAT MAIL ROBBERY.

A Mail-bag Containing Six Hundred Letters Stolen—The Bag Rifled of Drafts to the Amount of $14,000—Arrest of the Robber.

From the Chicago Journal, Dec. 5.

About the 1st of November a through mail from Galesburgh, Ill., was dispatched for Chicago on the regular night train from the former to the latter place, on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. This through mail, comprising about six hundred letters and the usual variety of newspapers, circulars, etc., in a single bag, failed to reach this city, and the makers of drafts contained therein, failing to receive anything in the shape of acknowledgements, began to address letters of inquiry to the Postmasters at Chicago and Galesburgh.

On Saturday afternoon BOWEN BROTHERS, of this city, informed Superintendent of Police TURTLE that a man had presented a $400 draft to them, which they were suspicious was not all right. Superintendent TURTLE had heard of the missing mail affair, and learning that the draft was drawn in Galesburgh, at once decided upon his course. He procured the arrest of the man who had offered the draft, and upon searching him found seventeen letters, containing as many drafts, upon his person, and memoranda of considerable value to the detectives. Following the trail, his room at the Hatch House was entered, and an examination of the trunk revealed twenty-two other letters, each containing a draft, making in all thirty-nine drafts, representing $14,000.

Superintendent TURTLE then sent for Postmaster SCRIPPS, and the latter was astonished at the revelations which were then made to him. The Postmaster at Galesburgh, was notified, and he arrived yesterday morning. The joy of the latter knew no bounds, as he had been greatly annoyed by the complaints and unjust reflections that had been directed against him. He was profuse in his compliments to the skill and success which had marked Superintendent TURTLE'S action.

The name of the robber is JOHN B. ZIMMERMAN, a young man of 25 or thereabouts, of respectable appearance and considerable intelligence. He is well known about Galesburgh. Finding himself lost beyond a hope, he yielded to the advice and made a "clean breast of it." He got upon the train at Galesburgh, and stepped into the baggage-car. Seeing the mail-bag not very far from the side door, he continued to push it nearer and nearer the door, unperceived by the baggage-master, who was stowing away the baggage. Watching his opportunity, the thief kicked the bag out of the car and jumped after it. By this time the train had reached a short distance this side of Galesburgh, and was under such rapid headway that he was considerably bruised by his daring leap. He secured the bag and concealed it. A week afterward he broke it open, took all the letters and left it, together with the newspapers, &c., in a place of concealment, from which Detective Officer WEBB will shortly return with it. Coming to this city, and hiring a room in the Hatch House, the robber selected the valuable letters and burned the others.

The public will be surprised to learn that these through mails are sent in the care of irresponsible baggagemen, instead of route agents, with approved bonds to the Government, as they should be. Such matters call for Congressional investigation.

DEATH OF MAJ. GEORGE S. DAWSON.—Maj. GEORGE S. DAWSON, of the Second New-York Heavy Artillery, died at his father's residence in this city, at 11 A. M. to-day. He was wounded in the leg while gallantly leading his men in an assault upon the rebel works before Petersburg in early June last. Refusing to be carried off the field, but urging his comrades to press on against the foe, he was left in the rear, where he lay all night. He was picked up next morning and carried into hospital. It was at first hoped his limb might be saved, but subsequently an amputation was deemed necessary, which was performed three days after he was wounded above the knee. He was afterward conveyed to Washington, and put into hospital, where he was joined by his family. He lay for a long time in a most critical condition; indeed, his life was almost despaired of for many weeks; but courage and good nursing obtained at last a partial mastery over disease. By the end of September he was well enough to be brought home, where he continued for some time rapidly to recover. Some five weeks ago, however, there were indications of fresh trouble; the limb became excrutiatingly painful; and a large abscess was developed. This was followed by two others, while it was subsequently found that the bone was seriously affected. It became apparent that he could not long sustain the drain upon his system, and he rapidly sank under the violence of disease.

He bore his long suffering with remarkable fortitude. He did not utter a groan on the operating table; while he endured the painful process of dressing with a cheerfulness that never deserted him for a moment. His courage never flagged; his buoyancy of spirits had become a proverb in the hospital. The annals of war furnish no more signal instance of that stern manliness that proves superior to pain.

A braver man never faced danger. He was a stranger to fear, and was always coolest when the leaden shower of death fell thickest. He was promoted for gallant conduct in the battle where he fell; and in every encounter with the foe proved himself every inch a hero. He had social qualities that endeared him to all who knew him well. He was popular with his brother officers and idolized by his men, and his last days were sweetened by messages of love and regard from his comrades in arms. The news of his death will send a thrill of grief through the regiment, and "the Boys" will mourn and think tenderly of him long after his form has crumbled into dust.—*Albany Evening Journal, Dec. 1.*

The Soldier's Thanksgiving Dinners.

REPORT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TURKEYS IN THE ARMY.

THEODORE B. BRONSON, special agent of the committee appointed to see to the proper distribution of turkeys in Gen. GRANT'S army, makes the following interesting report:

NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1864.

Col. George Bliss, Jr., Secretary:

Having had the honor to be appointed by your committee to take charge of the distribution of the Thanksgiving dinner to the soldiers of the Armies of the Potomac and James, I beg to express my sense of the confidence reposed in me by you, and to thank you for the opportunity of coöperating in so noble an expression of the sympathy of the North with our brave soldiers in the field. The new propeller *Charles C. Leary*, Capt. JAMES SULLIVAN, having been placed at the disposition of your committee by the Government, was loaded and dispatched on her errand of good-will on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 2 P. M. The weather was stormy, with heavy head sea during the entire passage, and our arrival at Fortress Monroe was thereby much delayed, as we did not reach there until Wednesday evening. The usual trip is thirty hours. We remained at anchor during the night, and started for City Point at daylight on Thursday morning, and arrived there at about 6 P. M. The navigation of the James is very difficult, hence our detention at Fortress Monroe until daylight.

On our arrival at City Point I immediately reported at headquarters to Lieut.-Gen. GRANT, and on my particular request facilities were afforded me to discharge our cargo at once, which I was very anxious to do on account of the perishable nature of the same and our unusual detention. Accordingly, Capts. THOMPSON and AMES, Depot Commissaries, were deputed to aid me, and to these officers I desire to express my thanks for the hearty and prompt coöperation afforded by them.

We commenced at 7 P. M. with a large gang of negroes, and by dint of the most active exertion finished discharging the cargo by A. M. Thanksgiving Day. To Messrs. J. OWEN ROUSE and HENRY A. GREEN, of Jersey City, who accompanied me on behalf of the ladies of that city to superintend their special contributions, I beg to tender my thanks for their most efficient aid. Fortunately, the weather had become very cold, which tended much to the preservation of our cargo. The negroes worked with great spirit, and enlivened the scene by their own peculiar songs; our gangs were renewed during the night, so that the greatest dispatch was insured.

I superintended in person the work during the entire night, and found that I was kept sufficiently occupied in watching the negroes, as some of them were inclined for a prémature Thanksgiving Dinner, while others would secrete themselves behind the cases in order to be more fully prepared, therefore, by a refreshing slumber. One of them gave it as his opinion "that there was going to be a big ball somewhere." As soon as we had our freight all upon the dock, the work of putting the same on the cars commenced, and here let me remark upon the utter impossibility of making other than the distribution we made.

Our contributions in kind were quite as large as the purchases made by your committee, and the contents miscellaneous—peanuts, pickles, newspapers, tapioca, turnips and tracts; these, with turnips, pies, ducks, geese and chickens, made a total which defied the four rules of arithmetic. On consultation with Capts. THOMPSON and AMES, it was decided to assort the varieties as much as possible, and distribute in bulk.

"There were numerous packages sent to individuals; these were forwarded as directed as far as possible, although your instructions to me were clear on that point, viz: 'You will find many parcels directed to particular individuals or regiments. In all cases we have refused to undertake to deliver these as directed. If convenient to do so, of course we will, but do not delay on that account.'

A part of our cargo found its way to its final destination on Thanksgiving Day. At 12 M. I telegraphed to your committee the progress made, and at the same time hearing nothing of the *James T. Brady*, which was to bring the balance of our cargo, I telegraphed to Fortress Monroe, but being informed by the operator at Lieut.-Gen. GRANT'S headquarters that he had heard from the operator at Jamestown, that there was a steamer ashore below there loaded with Thanksgiving dinner for soldiers, application was immediately made to Col. BRADLEY, who at once placed a steamboat at my disposal to go to her assistance. We left at 2 P. M., and reached the *Brady* at 6 P. M., finding her ashore at Hog Island Shoals, about fifty miles below City Point, on the James River; after toiling for three hours unsuccessfully to get her off, in company with the tugboat *Pierce*, I took her freight and headed for City Point, and reported, on my arrival, to Capt. THOMPSON at 3 P. M. Friday. Our freight was all discharged by 11 A. M.

Meantime, the freight of the *Leary* had all been distributed, and the trains and boats were again in requisition for the freight of the *Brady*. Some of the packages being broken, particularly several large boxes of poultry, the same were carefully repacked in barrels. Many of the boxes required renailing and hooping; this was promptly done, as some half-dozen coopers were placed at my disposal.

I have been thus explicit in this report as I am anxious that no blame should attach to the Committee on account of the delay, which is, I think, satisfactorily accounted for.

Here follows the report of Capt. THOMPSON to me:

CITY POINT, Va., Nov. 30, 1864.

T. B. BRONSON—*Dear Sir:* I submit for your information the following items in regard to the distribution of poultry, &c., sent by the people of the North for a soldiers' Thanksgiving dinner. It was distributed to the officers designated to receive it in amounts as follows:

Four car loads to Lieut.-Col. Jos. S. SMITH, C. S., Second Corps; four car loads to Capt. S. R. STEELE, C. S., Fifth Corps; four car loads to Lieut. D. S. TOMPKINS, Ninth Corps; two car loads to Capt. E. A. FORBES, C. S., Cavalry Army of the Potomac; one car load to Capt. J. R. COXE, C. S., Headquarters Army of Potomac.

An amount equal to four car loads was sent to Jones' Landing for the Army of the James, under charge of Capt. R. W. THOMPSON, Jr., C. S., besides a large amount sent to Capt. W. P. MARTIN, C. S., at Bermuda Hundred, for distribution to detachments in that vicinity. One car load was sent to Wilson's Wharf for that place, Harrison's Landing and Fort Powhatan. Besides these amounts, I distributed to troops at City Point—comprising the Engineer Brigade, Twentieth New-York State Militia, Tenth and Twenty-eighth United States Colored Infantry, General Hospital, guard and troops at Gen. GRANT'S headquarters, detachments, batteries and employes, a liberal allowance. I hear from all quarters that the articles were received and enjoyed as soldiers alone can enjoy such munificence. I am informed by the Chief Commissary of the Army of the Potomac that that army has been bountifully supplied, and have as flattering reports from different sections of the army that the bounty has everywhere been thankfully received. Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. THOMPSON, Capt. and C. S.

On Saturday, November 26, I started on my visit to the front, and was greatly gratified to find that the promptness of the distribution had exceeded my anticipations. Our freight had reached its final destination, in all cases that came under my observation, in good order. This fact, which I learned on particular investigation, was very satisfactory. Several of the soldiers of one regiment remarked that "They had plenty of turkey—just as much as they wanted—it made them feel good; but the fact that they were remembered by those at home made them feel better;" and I feel confident that this glorious outpouring of the heart of the North, the kindly contributions of the farm-yard and the fireside to those loved ones now standing by the camp-fire and on the picket line, will be more than appreciated, and that their arms will be nerved for even braver deeds.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE B. BRONSON,
Special Agent Com. on Thanksgiving Dinner.

Convention of Tobacconists.

Yesterday morning a largely attended convention of manufacturers and dealers in tobacco in the United States, having for its object the adoption of such measures as might be deemed advisable to secure uniformity in the operations of the internal revenue law, as it affects the sale of cigars—was held in Cooper Institute. Speeches were made and steps were taken to secure the object of the meeting.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.—The stated meeting of the managers of this society was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the rooms No. 116 Nassau-street, Rev. Dr. HISCOX, President of the Board, in the chair, assisted by LISPENARD STEWART, Esq., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Board. The various reports presented as to the state of the treasury, and economy in the transaction of business, and the present condition of the society were most favorable and encouraging. Grants of Scriptures were made in answer to applications from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, New-York, New-Jersey and District of Columbia. The circulation of the Scriptures among our soldiers and sailors, among freedmen at the South, in prisons and hospitals, was reported as largely on the increase. Two hundred dollars was ordered to be sent to Rev. Mr. GOBLE, now in Japan, to aid in publishing Scriptures in the Japanese language, and $1,000 to Rev. Mr. CROSS, for Burmese Scriptures. The board also voted, upon recommendation of a committee previously appointed, to take immediate measures for the establishment of a Bible press in Burmah, India, which shall be the property of the society, and under its exclusive control. In connection with this, it was directed that a special fund of several thousand dollars should be raised without delay for the purchase and equipment of one or more presses for Bible printing in that far-off country. The attendance of members was large, and the meeting deeply interesting.

THE END OF THE BROOKLYN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—This institution, which has been kept in operation for some eleven years by the liberality principally of Mr. J. W. DEGRAUW and several other citizens interested in horticulture, dissolved at the last meeting. The affairs were placed in the hands of a Committee, and the Society, as such, ceased to exist. The direct cause was want of interest and coöperation by outside parties. The expenses last year were $1,715 80, and the receipts some $26 less than that sum. The President delivered an affecting valedictory, and the Society adjourned without day.

COLLISIONS IN THE EAST RIVER.—Yesterday, during the fog, the schooner *Regalia*, while laying at anchor in the East River, abreast of the South Ferry, was run into by the ferry-boat *Pacific*, carrying away bowsprit, &c. The steamboat received no damage. The bark *Ellingwood*, lying at anchor opposite Wall-street ferry, East River, was run into by the ferry-boat *Exchange*, and had her bowsprit and cutwater carried away. The ferry-boat lost part of her ladies' cabin.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.—To-day the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed in all the Catholic Churches in this city. The ceremonies in the Church of Immaculate Conception, on Fourteenth-street, will be specially imposing.

THE STEAMER BREMEN.—The steamer *Bremen*, having been in dock and thoroughly overhauled, will resume her voyage for Bremen via Southampton, on Saturday, the 10th inst.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—A Mrs. BROUGH, wife of HENRY J. BROUGH, of Hartford, Ct., while engaged in writing a letter to her husband in New Jersey, on Monday evening, was burned to death in a few moments by a kerosone lamp being overturned and setting her clothes on fire. Her screams brought one of the neighbors to her room, who burst open the door and threw a pail of water on what he supposed to be a burning carpet, but which he found to be the blackened body of Mrs. BROUGH. Her hair was all gone, and all her clothes except a few under-garments, her stockings and gaiters. Mrs. BROUGH was about twenty-two years old, and leaves one child.

Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT.—*Part I*—Nos. 2,891, 2,893, 2,895, 2,897, 2,899, 2.901, 2,903, 2,905, 2,909, 2,911, 2,913, 2,915, 2,917, 2,919, 2,921, 2,923, 2,925, 2,927, 2,929, 2,931. *Part II*—Nos. 2,811, 3,777, 2,809, 1,863, 2,514, 998, 1,536, 1,978, 2,474, 2,516, 1,958, 1,890, 2,552, 1,910, 1,775, 1,870, 2,574, 1,338, 2,896, 2,000. *Part III*—Nos. 2,749, 3,004, 2,715, 2,611, 1,901, 2,734, 1,488, 2,477, 843, 1,458, 745, 967, 2,375, 2,680, 2,775, 1,381, 1,883, 1,885, 2,397, 1,151.

SUPERIOR COURT.—*Part I*—Nos. 3,199, 1,743, 3,453, 3,449, 3,301, 3,299, 3,300, 3,302, 3,391, 4,411, 3,995, 3,373, 3,339, 3,337, 4,611. *Part II*—Nos. 4,336, 2,574, 3,465, 636, 752, 764, 2,944, 4,324, 3,400, 4,338, 2,250, 3,544, 4,190, 4,562, 4,612.

COMMON PLEAS.—*Part I*—Nos. 779, 757, 414, 792, 339, 593, 619, 800, 797, 149, 809, 98, 759, 808. *Part II*—Nos. 581, 270, 158, 683, 94, 732, 772, 776, 778, 779, 631, 564, 492, 640, 490.

DEMOREST'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY.—The January number of this popular work exhibits many decided improvements, which cannot fail to be highly appreciated by the ladies. THEODORE TILTON furnishes a very fine and artistic poem, which is beautifully illustrated. The engravings, as well as the literary matter in this magazine, are of a superior order.—*Sunday Mercury.*

A NEW BOOK BY THE AUTHOR OF "CUDJO'S CAVE," "NEIGHBOR JACKWOOD," &c.—A book by this author is sure of success, and *The Three Scouts*, the coming volume, is said to have special merit and interest. The publishers, anticipating large sales, make the price much lower than could be afforded on a book in moderate demand.—*Boston Trave ller.*

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Gold, Holland, &c.; new style Shade Fixtures, at reduced prices. G. L. & J. B. KELTY.
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Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 7, 1864.

SECOND BOARD.

$50,000	U. S. 6s, '81..C.	117¾	300	Hud. Riv. R.	118⅝
20,000	U.S.6s,5-20s..C.	109¾	200	do	s10 118⅝
20,000	do...new iss.	109	800	Reading R.	137
20,000	do...new iss.	108¾	400	do	136⅜
5,000	do...new iss.	108⅞	200	M. S. & N. I.	73¾
30,000	U. S.6s,10-40s..C.	101⅜	500	do	73⅝
10,000	do	101¾	400	do	73¾
15,000	Treas. N., 7-30s. April & Oct.	119	100	do	s10 73⅝
35,000	U.S.6s, 1 yr. Cer.	97⅜	100	Clev. & Pitts	110
10,000	O. & M. Cer.	96¾	600	do	110¾
50,000	do	96¾	500	do	111
200	Canton Co	34	400	do	s5 110¾
300	Cum Coal Pref	47¾	100	Mich. Cen. R.	129
100	do	47⅞	500	Ill. Cen. R.	130
300	do	47¾	300	do	130¼
800	Quick M. Co	87	500	do	b10 130
500	do	87¼	500	Chic. & N. W. R.	43½
100	do	b10 87¾	100	C. & N. W. Pr.	77¾
100	Mar. Min. Co	36¾	200	Cleve. & Tol.	110
200	do	36¾	300	Ch. & R. I. R.	106¾
50	N. Y. Cen	122⅝	100	do	106¾
100	do	122	100	do	106¾
100	M. & P. Du Ch	52	500	Erie R.	95⅝
100	do	52¾	500	do	95⅝
100	do	53	500	do	95⅝
100	do	53¼	400	do	s10 95¾
50	Alt. & Terre H.	83	500	P., Ft. W. & C.	105½

OPEN BOARD—1½ P. M.

$35,000	O. & M. Cer.	36½	200	Chi. & N. W.	b3 44
100	N. Y. Cen. R.	122⅜	200	do	s3 44
300	Erie Railway	b3 96	100	do	44
1100	do	96	200	do	s10 43¾
300	do	s3 96	800	Clev. & Tol. R.	110¾
7000	do	b3 96⅜	200	C. & N. W. Pref.	x-d 77½
200	do	96	100	do	77¾
400	M. S. & N. I. R.	c 74¾	200	do	77¾
100	do	b3 74¾	400	P. F. W. & C.	s3 105½
300	do	74¾	100	do	c 105¾
200	do	s10 74¾	200	do	b3 105¾
100	do	c 74¾	700	Nic. Transit Co.	s3 5
300	do	b3 74½	100	Canton Co	34
200	Ill. Cen. R.	131¾	500	do	s3. 34
200	do	c 131¾	100	Cum. Coal Co	47¼
200	do	131¾	100	do	47
200	Cleve. & Pitts	s3 110¾	100	Quick. M. Co	87¼
1100	do	110¾	400	Mar. Min. Co	b3 36¾
200	do	s5 110	100	do	s30 36¾
100	Chi. & R. I. R.	b3 107¾			

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

$5,000	O. & Miss. Cer.	36½	200	Chic. & R. I.	s5 105¾
100	N. Y. Cen.	121	100	do	b5 106¾
460	Erie R.	b3 95⅝	100	Chic. & N. W.	43¾
800	do	95⅝	100	do	43¾
100	do	b10 95⅝	200	C. & N. W. Pr.	x-d 77¾
100	Hud. Riv. R.	118⅜	200	do	b3 77¾
100	M. S. & N. I.	73	100	Pitts., Ft. W. & C.	105¾
800	do	73¾	400	do	105
200	do	s3 73⅜	100	Central Coal Co	61
200	do	s3 73⅜	100	Cumb. Coal	47¼
200	do	b3 73⅜	300	do	47¾
200	do	73⅜	100	do	b3 47¾
100	do	b10 73	100	Quick. Min. Co	87
700	Cleve. & Pitts	111	800	do	87¼
200	do	s3 111			

EVENING EXCHANGE.

$10,000	Amer. Gold	239¼	100	M. S. & N. I.	73
100,000	do	239	100	do	s5 73
20,000	do	239½	100	do	73¼
30,000	do	239⅛	100	do	b3 73¾
10,000	U. S. 6s,5-20s. C. New Issue	108⅞	600	do	b3 73¾
100,000	do	108⅜	200	do	73¾
500	Erie R.	s3 95¾	100	do	73⅝
200	do	95¾	400	Cleve. & Pitts	110¾
200	do	b3 95¾	500	do	s10 110¾
100	Hud. Riv. R.	s3 115¾	200	Clev. & Tol	109¾
100	Wyoming V.C.Co.	77¾	400	Chi. & N. W.	43¾
200	Chi. & R. I.	106¼	100	Cum. Coal	47⅜

Gold, after the call, sold up to 241¼, and at the close of report was selling at 240. Stocks were stronger after the call, with a disposition to buy.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 7—6 P. M.

ASHES—Continue inactive and unsettled.

COFFEE—Has been in more demand at buoyant prices, including Java at 52c.; Laguayra and Maracaibo at 43½c.@46c.; Rio at 43c.@46¾c.; St. Domingo at 42c. ℔ lb. Week's receipts of Rio 3,725 bags; sales of Rio, according to Messrs. WM. SCOTT & SON: "18,544 bags, including 3,584 ℔ *Konigsberg*, 2,000 balance ℔ *Hans Egade*, 2,000 balance ℔ *Psyche*, 4,020 ℔ *Volkyrien*, 4,400 balance ℔ *Paladin*, (resale,) and 2,500 balance ℔ *Julie*, (resale,) 2,000 ℔ *Dan* and 1,457 ℔ *Eric Andreas*, have been taken on speculation. The market closes very firm. Stock of all kinds, 116,064 pkgs.

STOCK OF RIO.

Dec. 3, Baltimore, bags	5,500
Dec. 3, Philadelphia, bags	1,000
Dec. 6, New-York, bags	41,888
Grand total, bags	48,388

COTTON—Is in moderate demand at firmer prices. Middling, $1 27@$1 29 ℔ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 400 bales.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been more active, at an advance of 10c.@15c. ℔ bbl. Sales since our last amount to 18,350 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $9 60@$9 90; poor to choice Extra State at $9 95@$10 40, chiefly $10@$10 15; Round-Hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to very good shipping brands, $11 10@$11 30 ℔ bbl.

Superfine State and Western	$9 60	@$9 90
Extra State	9 95	@10 40
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	10 05	@13 00
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shp'g brands	11 10	@11 30
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	11 35	@13 25
Extra Genesee	11 45	@13 25
Poor to choice Extra Missouri	10 60	@15 00

Southern Flour is more active and firmer to-day. Sales since our last 1,500 bbls., at $10 70@$11 80 for poor to good, and $11 85@$14 75 for good to choice